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## QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926 – 2022

# We loved you Ma'am

Britain's longest-serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, died peacefully at her beloved Balmoral home aged 96 yesterday after 70 years of devoted service. Rest in peace, Ma'am. The Sun and our readers loved you. We are proud you were our Queen.



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HISTORIC 70

# She died peacefully in the place she loved ...now she's reunited with the man she loved



Doing her duty ... Queen with Camilla and Charles in June

● MONARCH  
PASSES AWAY  
AT BALMORAL

● NEW KING  
CHARLES AT  
HER BEDSIDE



The Queen's beloved Scottish home ... Balmoral Castle

**BRITAIN'S new King, Charles III, paid tribute to his "beloved mother" Queen Elizabeth II yesterday after being at her bedside for her last moments.**

The Queen died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones at Balmoral yesterday – as she had always hoped she would. She is now reunited with "her strength and stay" Prince Philip who died last year aged 99, and who shared her love of the countryside.

The Queen's death at 96 led to an outpouring of grief across the country and Commonwealth which she ruled over for 70 glorious years. King Charles III led senior royals who dashed to be with her in her final hours.

And he was the first to issue a statement saying it was "a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family".

The new King, 73, said he would "mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother". He said her "loss



By **MATT WILKINSON**  
Royal Correspondent

will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realm and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world".

But he added that the Royal Family will be "comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held".

Confirmation of the Queen's death came late yesterday afternoon – only 48 hours after she carried out her final duty to the nation by swearing in her 15th Prime Minister, Liz Truss, on Tuesday.

Royal experts said it was fitting that her life of service, which she put above everything else, had continued right to the end.

The nation had been worried for her health and hoping for a recovery after she first fell ill and missed engagements last October.

Fresh health fears were raised on Wednesday when she pulled out of a video meeting with her Privy Council on advice of her doctors.

But it is understood her condition

dramatically worsened overnight and The Sun understands that by 9am yesterday doctors knew she had just hours to live.

After rumours began to circulate senior advisers took the decision to announce "concerns" for the Queen's health.

A Buckingham Palace statement at 12.30pm announced: "Following further evaluation this morning, the Queen's doctors are concerned for Her Majesty's health and have recommended she remain under medical supervision."

"The Queen remains comfortable and at Balmoral."

Then at 6.30pm Buckingham Palace announced the news that an entire nation had been dreading.

The historic framed statement on black and white headed notepaper placed outside the Palace, simply read: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon."

"The King and Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Half an hour later the new King paid his touching tribute.

On Buckingham Palace paper, King Charles III said: "The death of my beloved Mother, Her Majesty

The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family."

"We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother."

"I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realm and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world."

"During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held."

King Charles will address the nation today, his spokesman said last night.

Shortly after 7.30pm, it was confirmed the new monarch had chosen the regnal name King Charles III. There had been rumours he would use a middle name or become King George VII.

Prince William and Kate will now be known as the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge until Charles III bestows on them the titles of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Queen's eldest son caught his final helicopter flight as Prince

Charles at 10am yesterday after cancelling meetings at Dumfries House in Ayrshire.

He flew 150 miles to be beside his mother as new Queen Consort Camilla cancelled a visit to a cancer hospital.

William – who left Kate behind with George, nine, Charlotte, seven, and four-year-old Louis, drove to RAF Northolt in West London.

He boarded a royal jet with Sophie and Edward, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, and Prince Andrew who had raced in his Bentley to the waiting plane.

They landed just before 4pm, and William then drove them across the Highlands, arriving by 5pm.

Harry, 37, caught a helicopter flight without wife Meghan, after his team had wrongly said both were travelling to the Aberdeenshire estate of Balmoral.

As darkness fell, crowds gathered at the castle's gates to pay respects.

Police even removed barriers blocking the gates to allow the public to lay flowers.

The Sun understands children will continue to attend school as the country begins ten days of national mourning.

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# YEAR REIGN IS AT AN END

Their happy place . . .  
the Queen relaxing  
with Prince Philip at  
Balmoral in 2003

A moment of  
the greatest  
sadness for  
me and all  
members of  
my family

— KING CHARLES

Sombre message . . .  
Buckingham Palace staff  
attach notice of Queen's  
death to the main gate

## THE QUEEN'S TRUE HOME

IT was the one place in the whole world she felt most at home.

Balmoral Castle where the Queen died yesterday was where for three months every summer she could "kick off her shoes" and relax.

This 50,000-acre estate beside the River Dee in the Scottish Highlands is where she could be a mum, and a wife — a world away from life as the most famous woman on the planet.

Since the days of Queen Victoria, British royals found peace there.

She arrived at Balmoral for the last time on July 23, her second summer without Prince Philip.

It is fitting that she found her final peace here surrounded by her family.

On a tour in India, I once asked the Queen: "Why do you always go to Balmoral? Wouldn't you like to go somewhere else?"

The Queen replied: "Where else could



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I go?" I politely said: "You're the Queen, you can go anywhere in the world." She smiled at me and said: "But I quite like it there."

Balmoral was also the scene of many momentous moments in her long life. It is where the love of her life Prince Philip secretly proposed to Princess Elizabeth. After they married, Balmoral became the couple's private retreat where their family could join them.

For more than 40 years I went to Balmoral to photograph the Queen there and I will never forget seeing her walking happily along the banks of the River Dee with her corgis yapping at her heels.

The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon.

The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow.



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ROYALS IN

## TOGETHER AT



Anguish... William, Andrew, Sophie and Edward arrive



Sombre... Harry arrives. Left, Charles heads for helicopter



### KING-IN-WAITING Prince Charles made a dramatic helicopter dash to his ailing mother's bedside yesterday morning after learning of her sudden health downturn.

He was joined by wife Camilla and his sister Anne, while brothers Andrew and Edward arrived at Balmoral later, driven by William after an RAF flight north.

Prince Harry turned up in a car alone, head in hands, after the announcement of his grandmother's death.

On Wednesday night, the Prince of Wales was said to have been his usual cheerful self as he attended a dinner at Scottish stately home Dumfries House.

But the mood changed dramatically early yesterday when news reached him from Balmoral that the Queen's health had deteriorated further overnight.

Scheduled engagements were immediately scrapped as the heir to the throne and his wife Camilla hurried to a helicopter which had been scrambled to collect them.

The chopper cut short what would have been a three-and-a-half-hour drive from the stately home in Cumnock, Ayrshire, to Balmoral Castle, 150 miles away.

It became clear early yesterday that events further north at Balmoral were moving quickly – even before the public announcement about the Queen's health.

Sudden activity among royal aides was observed as the helicopter was summoned to collect the increasingly anxious heir.

Charles's aides were expected to stay at Dumfries House until the weekend. But instead they packed up their belongings and raced by road to Balmoral after his chopper took off.

It was not until 12.32pm yesterday that Buckingham Palace issued a formal public statement saying doctors were "concerned" for the Queen's health.

As Charles and Camilla flew

By NICK PARKER, MATT WILKINSON and SCARLET HOWES

north, the head of state was reported to be "comfortable" under medical supervision.

Royal aides then began hurriedly clearing the diary of our future king – and the work schedule of the second in line to the throne, the Duke of Cambridge.

He and his wife Kate had been due to be on the school run yesterday with children George, nine, Charlotte, seven, and four-year-old Louis for their first full day at Lambrook near Ascot.

By 12.45pm, Clarence House announced that Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall had arrived at Balmoral.

They were greeted by the Queen's only daughter, Princess Anne, who followed her brother Charles to the Queen's chambers.

The pace of events picked up further as Kensington Palace con-

firmed just one minute later that William would also be travelling north to Balmoral.

Meanwhile, Kate stayed behind in Windsor so she could be with the children and do the afternoon school run.

At 2.39pm, Royal Air Force flight KRF23R took off from RAF Northolt in South Ruislip, West London, carrying William, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward and his wife Sophie.

The Dassault Falcon jet landed at Aberdeen Airport at 3.50pm.

The royals then set off at high speed on the 45-mile drive to the 50,000-acre Balmoral estate under police escort.

A fleet of cars – including a Range Rover driven by William with Andrew in the passenger seat and Edward and Sophie in the back – sped through the gates of Balmoral shortly after 5pm.

Around 90 minutes later it was announced that the Queen had

passed away peacefully in the afternoon. It remained unclear last night whether the royals who flew from Northolt arrived at the monarch's bedside before her death.

Later, after the world had been informed that his grandmother had died, a sombre Prince Harry was seen being driven into Balmoral.

He and wife Meghan, who are in the UK for a series of charity events, had cancelled an awards ceremony yesterday after hearing of the Queen's declining health.

A spokesperson for the couple had said earlier: "The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be travelling to Scotland."

However, after an intervention from senior royals, it was later announced that Harry would be making the trip alone.

It was understood that Meghan remained in London.

Once he decided to travel alone, it is believed Harry first looked at flying by helicopter before finding

a private jet to take him north. On the RAF flight there were just seven passengers – William, Andrew, Edward, Sophie plus three aides – leaving 12 empty seats on the Dassault Falcon jet.

It was understood that the royals would have passed close to Frogmore Cottage in Windsor – where Harry and Meghan are staying – as they left.

William was less than half-a-mile away at Adelaide Cottage while Andrew was also close by in his Royal Lodge home on the Windsor estate.

Prince Edward and Sophie, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, were a 15-minute drive away in their Bagshot Park home.

Andrew was seen driving his Bentley down the Long Walk at Windsor to join William on the Northolt flight.

Meanwhile, Princess Anne was already in Scotland attending a series of low-key engagements over recent days.

Camilla, who will now become Queen Consort, cancelled an engagement at a cancer charity set for 11am to support her husband as he began a vigil at his mother's bedside.

The event at Maggie's Hospital in Airdrie had been planned six months in advance.

But organisers were informed at very short notice that she would not be attending yesterday morning as the gravity of the Queen's condition became clear.

Charles – who has taken over many official engagements from the ailing monarch in recent months – was said to have been at his charming best at the Dumfries House event the night before.

The prince was all smiles and sported a kilt at the magnificent stately home as he greeted guests, who were entertained by a piper over dinner.

Earlier in the day, Charles was with leading allergists at a conference organised by two parents whose teenage daughter died following a severe reaction.



Touchdown... William, Edward, Andrew exit plane at Aberdeen for drive to Balmoral, right





# RACE TO SEE THEIR QUEEN

# HER BEDSIDE



**Charles,  
Camilla,  
William,  
Harry,  
Anne,  
Andrew,  
Edward  
& Sophie  
dashed to  
Balmoral**



Waiting to  
meet new PM  
... the Queen  
on Tuesday  
and, right,  
statement  
that triggered  
Royal dash

## A statement from Buckingham Palace:

Following further evaluation this morning,  
The Queen's doctors are concerned for  
Her Majesty's health and have recommended  
she remain under medical supervision.

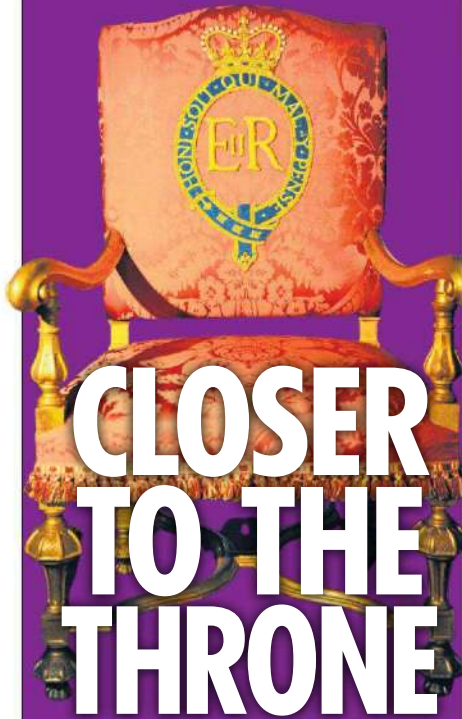
The Queen remains comfortable  
and at Balmoral.



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## HE'S BEEN



By MATT WILKINSON

CHARLES takes on the monarch's titles of King, Defender of the Faith and Duke of Lancaster.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall automatically becomes a Queen but will be styled as Queen Consort in accordance with the late Queen's wishes.

William becomes the Duke of Cornwall but keeps the title of Duke of Cambridge so will be styled the Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge. He will become Prince of Wales after an investiture.

The Duchess of Cambridge becomes the Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge. But she will not become Princess of Wales until William is invested.

Prince George will have no change in title, although he moves from third to second-in-line to the throne.

Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis see no changes in titles, but move to third and fourth-in-line.

Prince Harry is now fifth, Archie sixth and his sister Lilibet seventh. Prince Andrew keeps the title of Duke of York, and moves to eighth-in-line.

Princess Beatrice becomes ninth-in-line, with daughter Sienna tenth. Princess Eugenie is now 11th-in-line and her son August is 12th.

Prince Edward becomes Duke of Edinburgh and has moved to 13th-in-line.

Princess Anne takes 16th – just behind Edward's children James, Viscount Severn, and Lady Louise.

Charles is also King of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Grenada, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Belize, Antigua & Barbuda, and St Kitts & Nevis.



1st William



2nd George



3rd Charlotte



4th Louis



5th Harry



6th Archie



7th Lilibet



Stand-in . . . at Parliament

By TOM WELLS and MATT WILKINSON

**KING** Charles III last night became the oldest person in British history to be named monarch.

The 73-year-old former Prince of Wales was three when he became heir to the throne.

His 70-year career spent in his mother's shadow also made him the oldest heir in waiting.

Last night Prime Minister Liz Truss revealed the King's new title – or "regnal" name – minutes before Clarence House officially confirmed it.

There had been speculation that Charles – born Charles Philip Arthur George – might shun his given name.

Some royal watchers said he might adopt the title of King George VII, in tribute to his grandfather, George VI.

Others suggested he might avoid the inevitable link to Charles I, who was beheaded in 1649 after the English Civil War.

But as the Queen yesterday passed away, Charles seamlessly succeeded her as the new King – mere months after he stood in for her at the State Opening of Parliament.

Little more than an hour later, his regnal name was formally confirmed.

Today King Charles III's reign will begin, with a nation deep in mourning for his mother's golden era.

Experts say he must quickly learn to balance his new rule against the wave of sadness prompted by his mother's death.

Royal historian Hugo Vickers said: "Despite all the pomp and ceremony, and the fact that Charles is now King, we have to remember that this is a family who have lost a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother."

"I think we can all relate to that sadness."

"Charles brings with him an awful lot of experience and he'll be a very sensible King."

"But I think he'll be extremely upset at the loss of his mother."

At the age of 73, Charles beats the previous record-holder William IV, who was 64 years, ten months and five days when he became King in 1830.

And, although he automatically became King on the death of his mother, he will not be crowned until his coronation.

The date of that has to be fixed, but Elizabeth had to wait almost 18 months.

The Privy Council – around 600 senior politicians from the Commons and Lords, as well as VIPs including Camilla and Prince William – will meet today to form the Accession Council at St James's Palace.

Charles will then have to take his oath as our new monarch.

At this point, the Garter King of Arms will stand on the balcony at St James's Palace for his official proclamation.

Charles will then hold his first Privy Council meeting, and flags around the UK will be raised for 24 hours as he is declared

King. An hour later, heralds will travel to the Royal Exchange where the City of London Proclamation takes place.

Aides have indicated that Charles and Camilla will then meet crowds, and accept condolences and flowers outside Buckingham Palace.

The PM, the Cabinet, the leader of the Opposition and senior MPs will then hold a meeting there with Charles.

In keeping with his deep interest in religion and new position as the Head of the Church of England, the King

will meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dean of Westminster and other heads of faith.

Aides have said that the new King and Queen will live at Buckingham Palace.

But as it is still having a \$370million revamp, due to finish in 2027, they may stay at Clarence House for now.

Charles's age has led to past speculation that he could step aside for Prince William.

But aides always made it clear he had no intention of giving up the role he regards as his duty, and his birthright.

Over the coming weeks, he is likely to carry out a series of visits to meet as many people as possible.

Royal biographer Penny Junor said: "I think Charles will be a very good King. He's the best-prepared heir to the throne the country has ever had."

"He's wise, humorous, well-read and terribly engaged on so many different subjects."

"And now he has Camilla by his side to combat the loneliness, I think they'll make a formidable double act."

Since Charles and Camilla

● Charles is oldest in history to take crown

● Beloved Camilla by his side as our Queen

LONG LIVE KING



# THE HEIR SINCE HE WAS 3..



Proud... Charles has always wanted Camilla to be called 'Queen'

We'll hear no more of his views

- HUGO VICKERS

Proud mother and son... with Charles

Crowning... investiture as heir in 1969

married in 2005, there was always speculation over whether she would be called Queen. At the time, Charles's aides said she would be titled "Princess Consort" to his King.

Charles has always wanted her to be Queen and his mother announced it was her "sincere wish" that Camilla would be called "Queen Consort".

Mr Vickers said: "On the death of Elizabeth, Camilla automatically became Queen as she is married to Charles."

"I suspect most people don't really care what she's called."

She certainly doesn't. It's always been Charles who cares. He is so proud of her and everything she's achieved, so to him any other title would be second best."

Charles has spent a lifetime doing good works and pursuing pet projects.

His work helping young people through The Prince's Trust has been inspired and hugely successful. But commentators have routinely criticised him for airing his views.

His opinions on climate change, alternative medicine

and modern architecture are well known.

When Charles was Prince of Wales, columnist Stephen Glover commented: "He can't seem to rid himself of his potentially fatal devotion to stirring up trouble by saying things a nearly-monarch should not say. We know next to nothing about the Queen's political views."

Charles himself has said he was a "meddling prince".

But the monarchy is meant to be politically neutral so he will need to stop saying what he thinks. Mr Vickers added:

"People think Charles will be too interfering and political but I think he knows perfectly well he will now have to be more circumspect."

"He'll move into a different sort of gear and I think we'll hear no more of his views."

As King, Charles will also need to consider the thorny issue of Prince Harry and Meghan's life in California.

Last year Harry branded him "trapped" in the monarchy in his Oprah Winfrey interview.

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Last pic together... Charles with Queen in June





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NEW PM LIZ



Coronation... Her Majesty in 1953

By HARRY COLE and RYAN SABEY

**SOMBRE** Liz Truss led tributes to the Queen last night, describing her as "the rock on which modern Britain was built".

Lamenting "the passing of the second Elizabethan age", the new Prime Minister said: "Britain is the great country it is today because of her."

"Our country has grown and flourished under her reign. She was the very spirit of Great Britain – and that spirit will endure."

Speaking just 48 hours after being sworn in by the Queen at Balmoral, Her Majesty's 15th PM said: "It's an extraordinary achievement to have presided with such dignity and grace for 70 years."

"Her life of service stretched beyond most of our living memories. In return, she was loved and admired by the people in the United Kingdom and all around the world. She has been a personal inspiration to me and to many Britons. Her devotion to duty is an example to us all."

Ms Truss swore fealty to the Queen's son and heir, King Charles III. She added: "We offer him our loyalty and devotion, just as his mother devoted so much, to so many, for so long."

"And with the passing of the second Elizabethan age, we usher in a new era in the magnificent history of our great country, exactly as Her Majesty would have wished, by saying the words, 'God save the King'."

Ms Truss, who was dressed in black as she spoke outside No10, was told of the Queen's death in the Commons at 4.30pm.

She spoke to the new King before she addressed the nation.

She led an outpouring of grief from all the living former PMs as she urged a nation in mourning to "come together" to support each other amid the "devastating" news.

Predecessor Boris Johnson wrote: "This is our country's saddest day because she had a unique and simple power to make us happy."

"That is why we loved her. That is why we grieve for Elizabeth the Great, the longest serving and in many ways the finest monarch in our history."

"In the hearts of every one of us, there is an ache at the passing of our Queen, a deep and personal sense of loss – far more intense, perhaps, than we expected."

"In these first grim moments since the news, I know millions and millions of people have been pausing whatever they have been doing, to think about Queen Elizabeth, about the bright and shining light that has finally gone out."

"She seemed so timeless and so wonderful that I am afraid we had come to believe, like children, that she would just go on and on."

MPs will gather to pay tribute to the Queen today and the Commons is expected to sit tomorrow, and possibly Sunday, while all other business may be scrapped.

Ms Truss will not be able to make any major announcements for the next ten days as the Government enters official mourning. The

# She was the rock on which our nation was built

## – PM LIZ TRUSS LAST NIGHT

PM's emergency budget, which had been pencilled in for later this month, may have to be postponed.

Theresa May, who as PM had weekly audiences with the Queen between 2016 and 2019, said: "Her Majesty devoted herself unreservedly to a life of service."

"She was respected and admired not only by her own people but far beyond our family of nations. On the 75th anniversary of VE Day, Her Majesty reminded us to 'never give up, never despair'."

"It was an address that captured not just the national spirit but

Queen Elizabeth's spirit. A sense of quiet determination, of courage and faith, and of hope in the future."

David Cameron, the Queen's 12th PM, said: "No matter how prepared one could be for this day, there are no words that can adequately express the sense of loss our nation will feel."

"There can simply be no finer example of dignified public duty and unstinting service and we all owe our sincere gratitude for her continued devotion."

Gordon Brown said: "The United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and

the entire world are joined together in mourning this evening."

Tony Blair said we had lost "the matriarch of our nation, the figure who more than any other brought our country together, kept us in touch with our better nature, personified everything which makes us proud to be British."

Sir John Major said "she embodied the heart and soul of our nation, and was admired and respected around the globe."

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer said: "Above the clashes of politics, she stood not for what the nation

fought over, but what it agreed upon. As Britain changed rapidly around her, this dedication became the still point of our turning world."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said his prayers were with the Royal Family and praised the Queen's "steadfast loyalty, service and humility".

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said every member of the Armed Forces would feel her death.

He added: "Her Majesty was more than their Commander-in-Chief, she was their guardian."

"She dedicated her life to serving





# TRUSS LEADS TRIBUTES

Grief... hundreds pay respects in rain outside Buckingham Palace as flag flies at half mast



Respect... black cabs line up in The Mall as mourners gather outside gates of Buckingham Palace

her nation." The head of MI6 declared the Queen "the longest-running reader of intelligence reports".

Chief Richard Moore praised her "candour, wit and burning sense of duty" in an "unparalleled" record of public service. He said: "We will honour her and remember her legacy, while supporting His Majesty The King in his duties."

Nadhim Zahawi, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, meanwhile, said the Queen was "a beacon of light in every corner of the globe".

He added: "Throughout my life I have been proud to live in a country that had the privilege of having Her Majesty at

its head. But her reach went beyond the shores of this great nation." Mr Zahawi had rushed into the Commons to notify the shocked PM of the Queen's death.

He then told Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle before speaking to Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner.

Leader Sir Keir was speaking to the Commons at the time but rushed through his speech when a note with the grim news was put in front of him.

It was a moment No10 had feared since Ms Truss returned from Balmoral. Civil servants had advised government aides to bring black clothing to work.

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Heartfelt... PM Liz Truss, outside No10, said the Queen's devotion to duty was 'an example to us all'



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TEARS FOR

# THE WORLD

## PICCADILLY CIRCUS

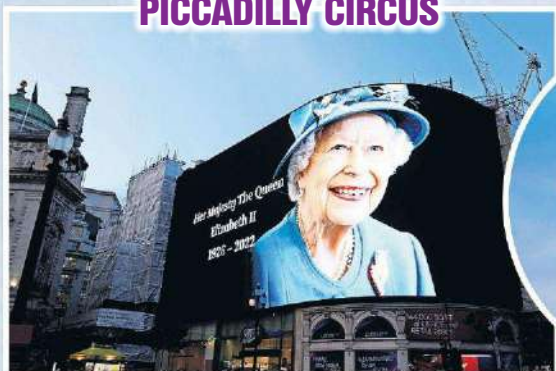


Photo of the Queen on video wall and, right, flags at half-mast



## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

## WINDSOR CASTLE

A rainbow covers the sky as Union Jack is lowered



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE



**BRITAIN** was united in grief yesterday with thousands paying their respects to the Queen in Windsor and London as rainbows appeared above them.

A sea of flowers emerged at Windsor Castle, at Buckingham Palace and Balmoral, as mourners gathered, many in tears, to show their respect for the 96-year-old monarch.

Flags were lowered to half mast

By ISAAC CROWSON, AMIR RAZAVI, ANDY ROBINSON and RYAN PARRY

across the country, from Downing Street to Old Trafford.

The crowds at Windsor were so big that staff members returning to the castle struggled to get in. Mourners were last night laying flowers at The Long Walk entrance and lighting candles.

People also came together at Piccadilly Circus in London. Sobbing black cab drivers lined The Mall, while crowds gathered around the Buckingham Palace gates, climbed surrounding walls and scaled the

Victoria Memorial during the historic evening.

After a day of heavy rain, moments after the news of Her Majesty's death was announced, a double rainbow emerged above Buckingham Palace, followed by a single one over Windsor.

Despite the rain, crowds broke into spontaneous rounds of applause for Her Majesty, shouted three cheers to our Queen and sang the national anthem into the night.

Among celebrity tributes, Sir Elton John wrote online: "Queen Elizabeth has been a huge part of my life from childhood to this

day, and I will miss her dearly." The official account of Paddington Bear, who starred in a comedy sketch with Her Majesty for her Platinum Jubilee, also tweeted respects to the Queen.

"Thank you Ma'am, for everything," the account said, repeating Paddington's closing line of the skit. And James Bond actor Daniel Craig, who was filmed with the Queen in a stunt for the opening of the 2012 Olympics, said: "She leaves an incomparable legacy and will be profoundly missed."

Meanwhile, John Loughrey, 67, wept outside Buckingham Palace

and said: "I met the Queen twice. I gave flowers to her. I can't believe it. She was inspirational. She served her duty. Her duty always came first, her family next. She went downhill after the Duke of Edinburgh died. God save the Queen."

Mr Loughrey said he would be camping near the palace for ten days as a mark of respect before lighting a candle for Her Majesty at Westminster Abbey.

Cathy Nelson, 63, who was visiting daughter Heather from Kansas City, US, brought a bouquet of flowers to lay at the gate at Buckingham Palace. She said: "I am so



# QUEEN..OUR RAY OF LIGHT

# WEEPS



Tearful . . . tributes are laid at Windsor Castle



Flowers . . child at Palace of Holyroodhouse

## BIDEN HAILS ROYAL GREAT

By ELEANOR SHARPLES

US President Joe Biden led heartfelt tributes to the Queen from world leaders.

In a statement, he and wife Jill said: "Supported by her beloved Prince Philip for 73 years, Queen Elizabeth II led always with grace, an unwavering commitment to duty and the incomparable power of her example."

They added: "Queen Elizabeth II was a stateswoman of unmatched dignity and constancy who deepened the bedrock alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States."

The US flag was lowered to half mast outside the US Capitol in Washington, *above*, in respect to the Queen.

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted: "Canadians will always remember and cherish Her Majesty's wisdom, compassion, and warmth."

France's President Emmanuel Macron described the monarch as "kind-hearted" and "a friend of France".

The lights on the Eiffel Tower in Paris were turned off last night in tribute.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky spoke of his "deep sadness" at hearing of the Queen's death.

Ireland's President Michael D Higgins said she had "served the British people with exceptional dignity".

sad. She is the only monarch I've ever had. Everybody loved her."

Student Angel Buck, 18, rushed over after hearing the news while shopping in Oxford Street on her first trip to London.

Annette German, 84, who was at the Queen's coronation, said the Queen "could not better have dedicated her life" to her people.

Outside the palace, the retired teacher from South London, said: "When I heard the news she was unwell, I thought I must be there. I got on a train and heard the news as I was just around the corner."

Christine Dacre, 63, a local retired

teaching assistant, left a bouquet of flowers at Windsor Castle and said: "She was our longest-serving monarch and what an amazing woman."

"Everything she went through, she always did with her head held high."

Estate agent Hannah Atkinson, 25, laid lilies at Windsor. With tears streaming down her face, she said: "My grandad passed away and he was very patriotic."

"He loved the Queen, so she means a lot to me too. It's sad. She was with her family, which is so important. She's now with Philip."

Rhonda Lowther, 54, travelled from Canvey Island, Essex, to go for a

tour of Windsor Castle with husband Paul. She was in floods of tears at the news. She said: "I'm absolutely devastated. To be here when it happens too is extraordinary."

Bookings assistant and Windsor resident Becky Rowlands, 33, said: "She's always been a part of my life. I cried like it was my nan who had died when I found out. She's the nation's nan."

Travel agent Cayley Browning, 28, from Egham, Surrey, said at Windsor: "She's been part of my life forever and I feel personally affected by it. It's such a huge loss for the country."

Sorrow . . woman weeps at Buckingham Palace



ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



VALIANT IN

Solemn... Queen, wearing a Covid face mask, sits alone at Philip's funeral

# A battle through heartache & ill health for one's mighty show

By PAUL SIMS

**THE Queen had not been the same since losing her rock Prince Philip but valiantly battled on to provide a great show in her Platinum Jubilee year.**

Her Majesty had stoically fought failing health and mobility problems for almost 18 months after the death of her beloved husband.

The steely 96-year-old monarch beat Covid in February and revelled from the Buckingham Palace balcony in June during her jubilee celebrations.

She stood proudly alongside the future of the monarchy, and joked with great-grandson Louis, as she delighted the crowds on The Mall cheering her glorious 70-year reign.

But the passing of her "liege man of life and limb" had taken its toll and in the weeks and months that followed his death in April last year, her health had steadily declined.

She would later praise the Dunkirk spirit of the NHS during the Covid pandemic as she hailed our frontline heroes while harnessing the same can-do attitude herself.

Her Majesty held as many face-to-face engagements as she could despite her growing reliance on a walking stick.

She also mastered Zoom calls and worked from home, dutifully making her way through her "red box" of government paperwork.

But without the daily support of Prince Philip, her health dipped.

By October last year, fears for her wellbeing deepened after she was pictured at Westminster Abbey and the Welsh parliament using the walking stick.

A series of occasions followed during which health concerns grew:

● **OCTOBER 20, 2021:** Her Majesty cancels a two-day trip to Northern Ireland with just five hours to spare.

It was the first time she had pulled out of an engagement in 15 years. The Palace said she had "reluctantly accepted medical advice to rest for the next few days" but added she was "in good spirits".

Until then, she had kept pace with a punishing workload of 120 official engagements in 194 days



Diamond wedding... in 2007

since the death of Philip. Aides and medics advised her to rest up for a week and scaled back her winter list of engagements.

● **OCTOBER 22, 2021:** The Sun reveals the Queen was admitted to hospital overnight for "preliminary investigations" after the Northern Ireland cancellation.

The Palace again insisted she was in "good spirits" and back at her desk in Windsor the following day to carry on her duties. Her medical team acted out of caution.

It was believed the Queen stayed

the night at King Edward VII's Hospital in Marylebone, central London, only because it was getting too late to take her on a 26-mile trip home.

● **OCTOBER 24, 2021:** The monarch is forced to miss church at All Saints Chapel in Windsor as she continued to recuperate after her health scare.

Within days, she was back to her best as she laughed with ambassadors from South Korea and Switzerland during Zoom calls.

Aides hoped she would be at the

COP26 climate change summit with world leaders on November 1, but she was again forced to cancel as a "sensible precaution".

● **NOVEMBER 14, 2021:** Her Majesty misses Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph after suffering a back strain and is said to be "deeply disappointed".

It was her first absence in 22 years and the first time the Queen, head of the Armed Forces, had been unable to attend due to illness.

Her absence was perhaps the most significant sign yet of her

growing frailty. The monarch also missed the Church of England's Synod service and opening session the following day for the first time.

● **FEBRUARY 20, 2022:** Buckingham Palace reveals the Queen has tested positive for Covid and has "mild cold-like symptoms".

The triple-jabbed monarch was placed in isolation and was monitored by doctors round the clock.

But in a bid to stress that the symptoms were only mild, Palace officials then issued a statement "signed off" by her to celebrate



# FIGHT FOR JUBILEE CHEER



**JUNE 2, 2022**

On Palace balcony at start of Jubilee

Team GB's gold and silver medals in the curling at the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

● **MAY 10, 2022:** Prince Charles stands in for Her Majesty at the State Opening of Parliament as her mobility problems continue.

It was only the third occasion that she had missed it. The other two times she was pregnant.

But she rallied again with a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show on May 23.

● **JUNE 2, 2022:** The Queen makes her first appearance on the Palace balcony on the first day of her Jubilee

celebrations. She pulls out of a thanksgiving service 24 hours later, complaining of discomfort caused by her mobility problems.

She did not attend The Derby on June 4, but returned to the Palace balcony for the next day's flypast.

● **SEPTEMBER 6, 2022:** The Queen rises to the occasion as she accepts Boris Johnson's resignation at Balmoral – and welcomes her 15th PM, Liz Truss.

Photos show her smiling but looking frail and relying on a walking stick.

It was another show of that Dunkirk spirit of which she was so proud.



**OCT 22, 2021**

Stay at King Edward VII Hospital



**NOV 1, 2021**

Queen spoke to COP26 via video



**FEB 16, 2022**

Looking well at Windsor meeting



**MARCH 8, 2022**

An online audience from Castle



**MAY 15, 2022**

Thrilled at Windsor Horse Show



**MAY 23, 2022**

Cart visit to Chelsea Flower Show



Chat . . . Victoria shows Charles school first-day picture

## CHARLES LEADS US ONWARDS

WHEN I met with Charles at Dumfries House in Scotland on Wednesday, he was still HRH the Prince of Wales.

Little did he or I know when we spoke, the next day he would be King.

Twenty-four hours later he received the worst news possible, his beloved mother and our adored Queen had died and the nation was plunged into mourning.

I saw Charles on what was to become his last working day as the Prince of Wales, before he rushed from Ayrshire to his mother's bedside in Balmoral the next morning. With typical generosity, Charles hosted me, to learn more about some of the amazing stories of

medics nominated in our Who Cares Wins Awards.

And our meeting was of course captured by our legendary royal photographer Arthur Edwards, who has been photographing the Prince for more than 40 years.

As always, His Royal Highness was extremely courteous and fascinated to hear about the heroic efforts of some of Britain's health heroes.

But I have met our now King a number of times in the past and I could tell he wasn't himself.

He looked under strain, like a man with the weight of the world on his shoulders.

During our chat, I showed His Royal Highness the first picture of his grandchildren, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, starting a new school, which had been released to the media shortly before our meeting.

He was delighted by the sweet snap, but looked emotional, almost close to tears for a moment.

When I have met him in the past he is always jovial and cheery, often making a quip, followed up by a big laugh.

But this time I felt that lightness was missing. It is something I thought about

a lot on my journey home. But it is testament to Charles's strength of character that, despite what must have been a gravely developing situation with his beloved mother's health in the background, he completed a full day of meetings and engagements at Dumfries House on Wednesday.

That day he also spoke at the Global Allergy Symposium, hosted at the historic property.

There he promised the parents of Natasha Ednan-Laperouse – who died of a severe allergic reaction after eating a Pret sandwich – that his foundation would partner their work.

When I arrived, staff also told me Charles always takes a daily walk around the Dumfries estate whenever he is in residence.

Staff joke about how their boss is always plotting some new offshoot of the foundation programme, which offers vocational training in an array of areas to young people from local communities in Ayrshire, one of Scotland's most deprived areas.

It is this passion, work ethic, drive and compassion which will no doubt carry King Charles III forward as our monarch.

**By VICTORIA NEWTON**  
Editor-in-Chief of The Sun



ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



OUR TRIBUTE

**A LIGHT has gone out on our lives.**

The day Britain and much of the world dreaded is upon us.

She is gone.

The mother of our nation. The most famous, most loved, most respected woman on Earth. The longest-reigning Monarch in our history. Britain's backbone.

The one constant, the one source of stability for us all throughout eight decades of tumult and change unimaginable to the world of 1952 when she came to the throne.

Our Head of State. Our Queen. Elizabeth II.

It is, quite simply, hard to think of British life without her presence. Not many alive today have experienced it and what memories do remain of the years before her reign are dimming.

Hers is the head on our coins and banknotes. The picture on the walls of offices, factories and homes.

Hers was the voice of measured calm in the annual TV address on Christmas Day. "God Save The Queen" is a phrase embedded in the consciousness of Britons of all ages and hundreds of millions worldwide.

The new world will seem strange.

Our hearts go out to her children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren who loved her. To the staff who did too.

To the 14 Commonwealth realms for whom she was also monarch – and to the other Commonwealth countries too.

To the countless charities she championed. To all those people – billions over the decades – whose lives she touched in some way.

**When she became Queen, Britain still had an empire**

And to the legion of fans of our Royal Family, here and abroad, whose support for this ancient and sometimes controversial institution has been kept aloft by her lifelong devotion to duty and her stoicism . . . no matter what fate threw at her – and it threw plenty.

She was not just a figure of immense importance to the Britain of the last 70 years but to history – as the longest-serving of all our monarchs going back to Alfred the Great.

Her reign was so long as to boggle the mind. When she became Queen, just seven years after World War Two, Britain still had an empire. Some food was still rationed as the long aftermath of the war dragged on.

Elvis Presley was still at school, yet to sing a recorded note. The Beatles were five years away from even meeting.

TV was in its infancy – Britain had one channel, the BBC Television Service. We were still 20 years away from ditching shillings and pence.

The tabloid Sun was 17 years

away from launching, let alone becoming Britain's biggest-selling paper. The internet was 40-plus years in the future – smartphones nearly 60.

The Queen reigned through the administrations of 15 Prime Ministers from Winston Churchill to Liz Truss, whom she greeted at Balmoral days ago, plus 14 US Presidents from Harry Truman to Joe Biden – meeting all of the latter bar one.

Her time took in extraordinary events. The end of our Empire. The assassination of John F Kennedy in 1963.

The Swinging Sixties, England's 1966 World Cup victory, the Moon landing, the Vietnam War. Britain

joined the Common Market. We suffered a dark decade of industrial strife, with power cuts. The murderous "Troubles" in Northern Ireland were a nightly horror story on our TV news. The Queen's own cousin Lord Mountbatten fell prey to the IRA.

Her son Charles married Diana Spencer. Margaret Thatcher held power for 11 years. Her second son Andrew joined the Task Force sent to repel the invading Argentines from the Falklands in 1982.

The Queen saw apartheid dismantled and communism implode. She saw Windsor Castle engulfed by fire and three of her children divorce.

She saw Britain help repel

Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

Then came Diana's death, 9/11, war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the marriage of her grandson and heir William and her hilarious, self-aware turn with James Bond at the opening of the 2012 Olympics which sent her popularity soaring further.

She watched bitter divisions erupt in her country. First with the 2014 Scottish independence referendum, then with the 2016 Brexit vote and its long repercussions and, briefly at least, with the seemingly real prospect of our first Marxist Government being elected.

Throughout it all her great love

# Rest in peace, Ma'am. A light has gone out on our lives

**THE Sun SAYS**



# TO THE MOTHER OF A NATION

Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, remained her rock, her counsel and a sobering presence. Then in April 2021 he was gone.

The mark of her greatness is that throughout it all, she barely put a foot wrong.

Through all the state openings of Parliament, the hundreds of Royal tours, the thousands upon thousands of speeches, official functions and State Visits. She celebrated her Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees with her popularity rock-steady.

By the time of her Platinum Jubilee in June this year, she was too frail to take part in many of the celebrations, but wellwishers packed the streets throughout the four-day extravaganza.

When Her Majesty made a surprise appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on the final day, it electrified the crowds below and delighted the millions watching at home.

Her dedication to her role and her country never wavered. And she never – well, almost never – revealed her true feelings.

She had an image of unflinching unflappability and a tendency towards coldness. The latter is a misconception. She was never a humourless slave to her role.

Her life was full of joy. She loved her family, she loved horses and racing – at Ascot especially – she loved her corgis, her retreat at Balmoral in Scotland. She loved chocolate and gin.

## **Unstinting devotion to duty, with absolute conviction**

She has been a model monarch. Charles and after him William will have different styles – more populist and, perhaps, more activist.

But they would do well to learn from her unstinting devotion to duty and her absolute conviction that the position she inherited could never be a platform for advancing her personal views or promoting politically tinged causes.

She knew that the monarchy's future and continued popularity rest on that essential understanding with the British people who fund it.

Arrangements for her state funeral have of course been in place for years. It will be the greatest of our lifetimes and one of the biggest TV events in history.

And while it is impossible here to capture fully what the Queen has meant to Britain and the world over nearly 70 years, let us finally say just this:

She did her country proud. Her epic reign has set a stellar example to all future monarchs.

Rest in peace, Ma'am. The Sun and our readers loved you. We are proud you were our Queen.

And to Charles III . . . good luck, Sir.

**God Save The King.**

Britain's backbone  
... Her Majesty's  
official Diamond  
Jubilee portrait, 2012



Picture: CAMERA PRESS/John Swannell



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TIMETABLE

## TODAY



## Gun salute . . . due in Hyde Park

THE King and Queen Consort stayed at Balmoral last night but will return to London today.

Despite his grief, duty calls for new sovereign Charles and his first audience as monarch with Prime Minister Liz Truss is expected to happen as soon as practically possible.

The King will also make his first televised address to the nation.

And he will meet the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, who is in charge of the accession and the Queen's funeral, to approve the schedule for the coming days.

The King will decide on the length of court or royal mourning for members of the Royal Family and royal households. It is set to last a month.

The Government will confirm the length of national mourning, likely to be around 12 to 13 days, from now up to the day after the Queen's funeral.

It will also announce the funeral day will be a public holiday in the form of a Day of National Mourning.

The Prime Minister and senior ministers will attend a public service of remembrance at St Paul's in central London. The Commons is expected to sit to hear tributes.

Union Jacks on royal buildings will fly at half-mast, while bells will toll at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and Windsor Castle, and gun salutes — one round for every year of the Queen's life — will be fired in Hyde Park and at other stations.

Floodlighting at royal residences will be turned off and the public will begin to leave flowers.

## TOMORROW



## Ceremony . . . St James's Palace

THE Accession Council is likely to meet at St James's Palace in London to formally proclaim Charles as the new sovereign.

First, the Privy Council gathers without the King to proclaim the new monarch and arrange business relating to the proclamation.

Then, Charles holds his first Privy Council, accompanied by new Queen Consort Camilla and William, who are also Privy Counsellors, and makes his personal declaration and oath.

The first public proclamation of the new sovereign will be read in the open air from the Friary Court balcony at St James's Palace by the Garter King of Arms.

Union Jacks go back up to full-mast at 1pm and remain there for 24 hours to coincide with the proclamations before returning to half-mast.

Proclamations are made around the city and across the country.

Charles will also meet with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

## LONDON BRIDGE IS DOWN

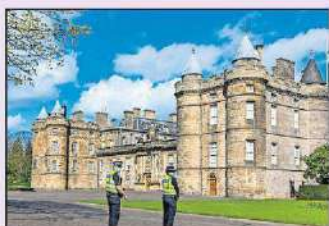
- Codename for mourning plan
- 10 days will lead up to funeral

**OPERATION London Bridge** — the code name for the intricate plan of action following the Queen's death — has been put in motion.

The day of Her Majesty's passing would have been D-Day or D+0, but because the announcement came late yesterday, the schedule has been shifted, meaning D+0 is today. It will be followed by ten days of mourning culminating in the Queen's funeral.

The plan has been in place since the 1960s and updated every year, involving branches of government, police, the Church of England and even Transport for London. Full plans are to be confirmed by Buckingham Palace, but this is what is expected next...

## SUN SEPT 11



## Coffin is moved to Holyroodhouse

THE Queen's coffin is expected to be taken by road to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

Proclamations will be read in the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland devolved parliaments in Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

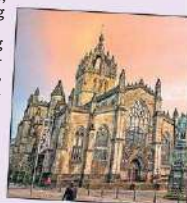
## MON SEPT 12

A PROCESSION along Edinburgh's Royal Mile to St Giles' Cathedral, below, will be followed by a service and the Vigil of the Princes attended by members of the Royal Family.

The public may get the chance to file past the Queen's coffin at a mini lying in state in St Giles'.

The House of Commons and the House of Lords are expected to come together in Westminster for a Motion of Condolence, which the King could attend.

After leaving England and visiting Scotland, Charles will travel to the other countries of the UK — Wales and Northern Ireland — known as Operation Spring Tide.



## TUES SEPT 13



## Queen will rest at Buckingham Palace

HER Majesty's coffin will be flown to London. It will then be at rest at Buckingham Palace.

A rehearsal for the procession of the coffin from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster will be held.



# FOR NATION TO PAY RESPECTS

Guarded... coffin of the Queen Mother lying in state after death in 2002



## WED SEPT 14



### Vigil of the Princes for Queen Mum

THE lying in state, Operation Marquee, will begin in Westminster Hall after a procession and a service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The public will pay their respects for four days and senior royals may stand guard in the Vigil of the Princes.

## THURS SEPT 15



### Rehearsal at Westminster Abbey

HER Majesty's coffin will continue to lie in state at Westminster Hall under Operation Marquee.

A rehearsal is likely to take place ahead of the poignant procession at her state funeral at Westminster Abbey.

## FRI SEPT 16



### French President Macron with Charles

LYING-in-state continues. Heads of state begin to arrive for the funeral. The King has another audience with the Prime Minister. In the evening there is a reception for heads of state, governors-general, realm prime ministers and other visiting official guests.

## MON SEPT 19



### Event on TV like Princess Di's in 1997

A TELEVISED state funeral is expected at Westminster Abbey.

The Queen's coffin is set to be pulled by sailors on a gun carriage. Senior Royals will walk behind. After the service, there will be a committal at Windsor Castle's St George's Chapel. A national two-minute silence is planned.



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## PLAN FOR A

By PAUL SIMS

**THE state funeral for the Queen will take place at Westminster Abbey a week on Monday — as the nation falls silent to remember her extraordinary life of service.**

Full details were expected to be revealed later today after King Charles meets with Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, to approve the carefully choreographed farewell.

But it is widely expected that the Queen's coffin will be carried upon a gun carriage pulled through the streets of London by naval ratings using ropes.

The same tribute was paid to her father, King George VI, whose coffin was hauled by the Royal Navy after his sudden death in 1952 saw her propelled to the throne.

Senior members of the Royal Family will fall in behind her coffin and walk silently, in the same way they did for the funerals of Diana and the Duke of Edinburgh. The military will line the streets and also join the procession.

Heads of state, prime ministers and presidents, European royals and key figures from public life will be invited to gather in Westminster Abbey to mark her glorious 70-year reign.

Up to 2,000 dignitaries are expected to attend, with tens of millions of viewers watching the service all over the world on television.

It is likely to be the biggest security operation the UK has ever seen — with thousands set to line the ceremonial route for days to pay their respects ahead of the funeral.

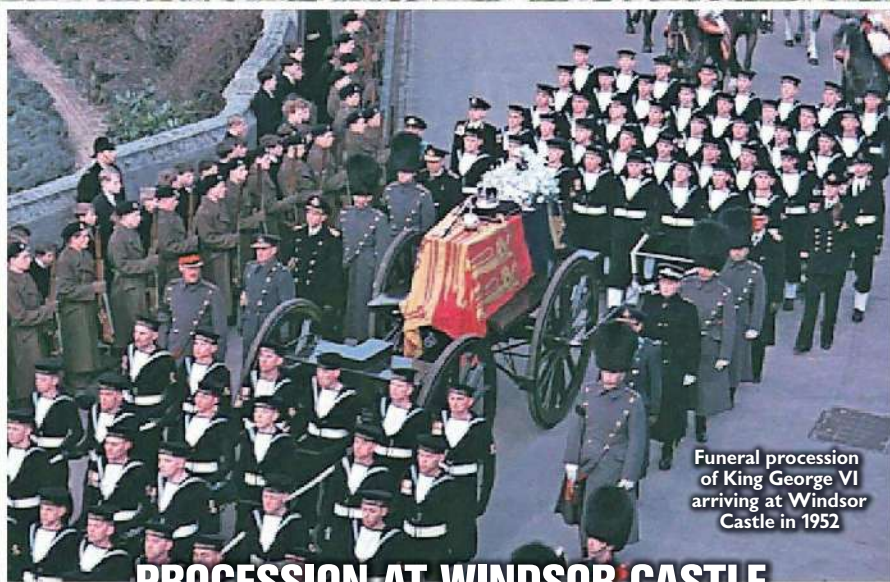
Former counter-terror chief Nick Aldworth said police and security services are expecting huge crowds of mourners.

Mr Aldworth said: "It's probably the biggest operation that we're likely to mount in the UK."

Gun cops and rooftop snipers will be in place while the cortege is moving amid fears of potential terror attacks targeting large crowds.

Police and security services will oversee the plans from a central operations room in Lambeth in South London.

A senior police officer, known as



Funeral procession of King George VI arriving at Windsor Castle in 1952

## PROCESSION AT WINDSOR CASTLE



## 9 WINDSOR

Short procession through Windsor town and Great Park

## 10 ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

3.50pm Procession arrives at the West Steps. The coffin is carried through West Door. A televised committal service will be led by the Dean of Windsor and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The coffin will be lowered into the Royal Vault and the National Anthem (God Save the King) will be sung.

TO WINDSOR



## BEFORE THE FUNERAL

As part of Operation Unicorn, the contingency plans for the death of the Queen in Scotland, the Queen's coffin is expected to be flown to London on Tuesday September 13, with her lying-in-state set to begin the next day and lasting until the day of the funeral on Monday September 19.

Hyde Park

## HER FINAL

a gold commander, will head up the operation. The coffin will be transported to St George's Chapel at Windsor after the funeral for a televised committal service.

Later that night, senior members of the Royal Family will gather for a private interment service before the Queen is laid to rest in the King George VI memorial chapel.

She will be placed alongside her mother and father and the ashes of her sister Princess Margaret, who died in 2002.

In another poignant tribute, the coffin of her beloved late husband, Prince Philip, will be moved from the Royal Vault to join her.

Her funeral has been the subject of quiet and respectful planning for

decades and will be carried out with military precision to the exact minute.

A large team of royal courtiers and senior advisers have been called upon at Buckingham Palace and Clarence House in the wake of her death to set the plans in motion.

They are vastly experienced and have worked for or with the royal household for decades.

But none of them will have served during such a momentous occasion as the death of a British monarch — and the start of a new reign.

The Earl Marshal will take charge of the preparations for the funeral and later, King Charles

III's coronation. The current Earl Marshal is the 18th Duke of Norfolk, Edward Fitzalan-Howard, who inherited the position upon the death of his father in 2002.

The Queen's private secretary, Sir Edward Young, who worked for the monarch for more than 18 years, will also play a key role in the coming days.

He will be guiding Charles on matters of state and constitutional issues, and working closely with the Government in the run-up to the funeral to ensure the monarchy continues to function smoothly.

King Charles's principal private secretary, Sir Clive Alderton, will work closely with Sir Edward to prepare Charles for life as the

monarch. The Lord Chamberlain, Baron Parker of Minsmere, will also play a hugely symbolic and little-known role during the funeral.

The former MI5 spy chief is the most senior official of the Royal Household.

On ceremonial occasions, the Lord Chamberlain carries a white staff and a gold key, the symbols of his office.

Tradition dictates that the Lord Chamberlain must now break his white staff over the Queen's grave — a symbolic gesture marking the death of the sovereign he serves.

Angela Kelly, the Queen's senior dresser and personal adviser, is likely to be in charge of selecting

the monarch's funeral gown or robes. She oversees the teams of seamstresses who may also be called upon to help prepare the Royal Family's mourning clothes and funeral attire.

The last full state funeral in the UK was for war-time Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1965.

Ceremonial royal funerals, similar to state funerals, are held for members of the Royal Family who hold high military rank, for the consort of the sovereign and the heir to the throne.

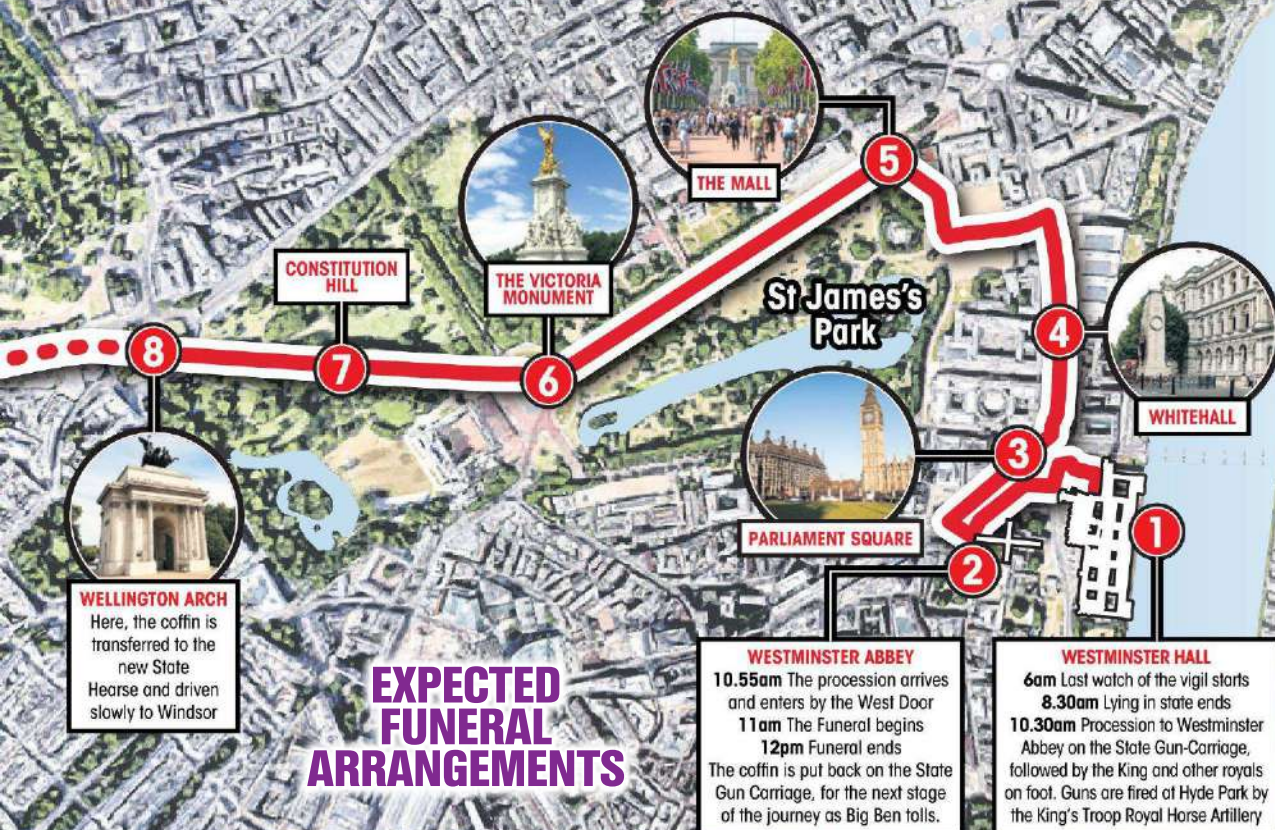
The Duke of Edinburgh was given a ceremonial royal funeral last April, as was the Queen Mother in 2002.

Diana, Princess of Wales, was



# SAD & DIGNIFIED FAREWELL

- **Coffin procession on gun carriage**
- **Funeral beamed to giant screens**



Burials . . . St George's Chapel

## SHE WILL LIE WITH PARENTS & PHILIP

By MATT WILKINSON

AFTER the Queen's coffin is brought to Windsor, she will be buried with husband Prince Philip, who has been interred in a tomb which will reunite them in death.

The service will take place in St George's Chapel where there will be a committal led by the Dean of Windsor.

This will be televised but the last thing the public will see is the Imperial State Crown, orb and sceptre – known as the Instruments of State – removed from her coffin before it lowers into the Royal Vault.

Philip's coffin has been in the vault since his funeral on April 17, 2021.

Following a private service for close family, the Queen's and Philip's coffins will be interred next to those of her parents – George VI and the Queen Mother – and the ashes of her sister Margaret.

A number of British royals are also buried in the George VI Memorial Chapel.

Edward IV, Henry VI and Edward VII are around the altar, while Henry VIII and his favourite wife Jane Seymour are under the Quire, along with the remains of Charles I.

Stacked in the walls of the Royal Vault, like a Roman burial chamber, are a number of Hanoverian kings, including George III, George IV, William IV and George V.

The chapel was specially built after George VI's death in 1952. His coffin rested on a stone table in the middle while construction took place. He was finally buried there in 1969.

The Queen's name will be added to the ledger stone overnight and St George's will open to the public the next day for people to pay their respects.

also given a form of ceremonial royal funeral in 1997, despite no longer being an HRH.

Baroness Thatcher's funeral in April 2013 was a ceremonial funeral with full military honours, with her coffin taken in procession to St Paul's Cathedral on a gun carriage drawn by six black horses.

Former PM Benjamin Disraeli was reportedly offered a state funeral, but declined it in his will.

The Duke of Windsor, who abdicated as Edward VIII, was given a private royal funeral in 1972, although the Garter King of Arms proclaimed words during the service usually reserved for a state funeral and declared him

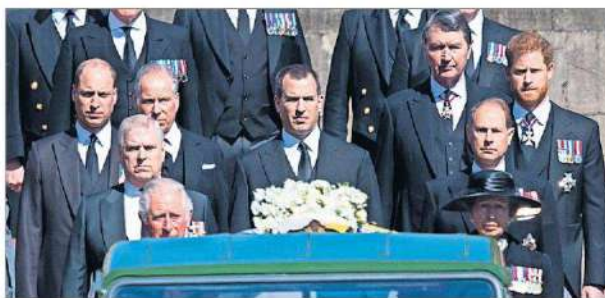
"sometime the most high, most mighty and most excellent monarch Edward VIII".

He was the only sovereign not to have a royal state funeral since 1727, when George I died and was buried abroad.

The last watch of the military vigil will begin at 6am on the morning of the Queen's funeral, as the nation prepares to bid the fondest of farewells.

A Bank Holiday is expected to be announced by PM Liz Truss to allow the country to draw together in mourning. Cities up and down the land will televise the occasion on giant screens as the nation comes to a standstill.

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Sad duty . . . Royal Family walk behind Prince Philip's coffin last year



Private . . . crypt under the chapel

# JOURNEY



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GLORY AND



Hope... Sun on lockdown speech

By MATT WILKINSON  
Royal Correspondent

**IN A LIFE** dedicated to the nation, perhaps the Queen's "finest hour" came when that nation needed her most.

With Britain in the grip of Covid, she evoked Vera Lynn and the wartime spirit in a rousing televised speech.

Promising better times ahead, she told lockdown Brits: "We will meet again."

She led the way out of the pandemic by letting the world know when she had her vaccination.

And she showed others the way out of loneliness by mastering video calls both for work and for chatting to loved ones.

Then, when Covid stopped street parties and celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020, the Queen stood up to be counted again.

In a TV address, she said: "Today it may seem hard that we cannot mark this special anniversary as we would wish."

"Instead we remember from our homes and from our doorsteps."

And added: "Our streets are not empty, they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other."

When the pandemic struck, terrified aides scrambled to set up "HMS Bubble" to protect both the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

The fear that the Queen, then 94, could die from Covid was very real.

But the sight of a healthy monarch addressing subjects feeling scared, isolated and in many cases grieving boosted morale.

The Queen's mantra was always: "I need to be seen to be believed". And her stirring televised speech two weeks into the first lockdown was watched by 24 million people.

In her rallying cry from Windsor Castle, she said: "While we have faced challenges before, this one is different."

"This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal."

"We will succeed – and that success will belong to every one of us."

The Queen added: "Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it."

She thanked the NHS workers at the front line, and Brits for staying indoors and protecting the vulnerable.

She went on: "I hope that in years

● She led Brits in Covid gloom

● Agony when Philip died, 99

LOVE AND LOSS IN

Streets are filled with love & care



to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge.

"And those who come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong as any."

"That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country. The pride in

who we are is not part of our past, it defines our present and our future."

Royal biographer Andrew Morton recalled: "It was brilliant and brought the country together. It was her finest hour."

The virus crept closer to the Queen when an aide at the palace was struck down, and Prince Charles and Prince William both caught the coronavirus.

As lockdown was enforced, the Queen was herself forced to cancel engagements and was cut off from her friends, family and work, to live at Windsor. HMS

Bubble restrictions were brought in as a loyal band of 24 aides worked three weeks on and three weeks off to guard keep her safe.

Buckingham Palace summer garden parties were cancelled and birthday celebrations for Trooping the Colour massively scaled down.

Despite the restrictions, the Queen continued working, reading government red boxes, speaking to the PM on the phone and carrying out engagements via video calls.

One defining moment saw her step from her bubble to knight

charity kingpin Captain Tom Moore.

She did not emerge in public outside Windsor Castle for seven months until a trip to see how scientists at Porton Down were tackling the virus.

It was the longest absence from public duties during her reign. But from a computer screen she saw a new statue of herself in Australia, watched footage from Mars and spoke with Covid heroes.

Of course there were glitches, but she took these in her stride. During one virtual visit the connection was cut briefly

**AFTER CRISIS**

Queen at Porton Down



# GRIEF DURING PANDEMIC



## ONE'S ON MUTE

On video call to health chiefs during pandemic



## NATIONAL TREASURES

Queen knights charity hero Capt Tom Moore

## LOYALTY CARD

Queen and Philip on 73rd wedding anniversary, isolating at Windsor



## ROYAL LINE

On phone to then PM Boris Johnson about crisis



## SCREEN QUEEN

Speech in April 2020 shown in Piccadilly Circus

It was  
her  
finest  
hour  
— ANDREW  
MORTON

# LOCKDOWN

before she appeared on screen. She said: "You just disappeared — all of you."

Technology also meant the Queen got to see Harry, Meghan and Archie in their £11million Montecito mansion.

But she was forced back into lockdown to spend Christmas without her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, by her side.

In her Christmas Day address she rallied the nation yet again, saying: "We need life to go on." She reassured lonely Brits: "You are not alone". Then, as Britain led the world

in the vaccination rollout, the Queen patiently waited her turn before announcing Royal doctors had administered the first dose at Windsor Castle on January 9.

She later allayed fears that some had about the needle, describing her jab as "harmless" and "very quick", adding: "It didn't hurt at all."

Of those reluctant to be vaccinated, she said: "They ought to think about other people."

An irony of the Covid restrictions was that it brought Philip and the Queen even closer together than they had

been for years. The couple marked their 73rd wedding anniversary at Windsor and were by each other's side almost every day until Philip's health deteriorated.

*In February the Duke spent four weeks in hospital having treatment for an infection and heart surgery. He returned to Windsor Castle and died 24 days later.*

The Queen, as stoic as ever, was back at work four days after his death.

But Covid restrictions saw her sit alone at his funeral as she watched Philip's coffin

interred in the Royal Vault at St George's Chapel. Now, with the Queen set to join her husband in the vault, her Covid address has even greater poignancy.

"We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return."

"We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again."

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## MESSAGE OF HOPE

Queen makes her VE Day anniversary speech in lockdown





## ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



## HOW ROYAL

By MATT WILKINSON

**IT wasn't a promising start for a royal marriage that eventually endured for well over 70 years.**

According to her father's private secretary, dashing naval officer Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten was "rough, uneducated and probably wouldn't be faithful".

His German family connections, parents' broken marriage and gambling, penniless father also didn't make Philip an obvious bridegroom for the Queen.

But their union was an enduring success story. When Philip died on April 9 2021 they had been married for 73 years.

On their golden wedding anniversary, the Queen said: "He is someone who doesn't take easily to compliments. But he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years."

*Decisive, straight-talking Philip had always complemented the more cautious and steady Elizabeth. Even into their 90s, he was still the charismatic and engaging figure, the crucial ally, to whom the Queen turned for advice.*

A courtier close to her said: "The Queen admired him for many things, but mainly for the way he managed to remain himself – the same man."

But Philip's greatest fear about marrying the then Princess was that for her "nothing was going to change (but) everything was going to change" for him.

Certainly that meant giving up a glittering naval career during which he had been praised for being daring and resourceful.

However, Philip's uncompromising positions on everything from palace protocol to his children's education meant that he still did everything his way.

### 'She was smitten from the start'

Indeed, this meant endless gossip about his private life and allegations of other women.

It was always denied by Philip and, though talk may have upset the future Queen, she ignored it.

According to an aide: "What she always got from him was the unvarnished truth – he was probably the only person on Earth who treated her as a normal human being."

More than once shocked courtiers heard him calling her a "bloody fool".

But as her cousin and childhood friend Margaret Rhodes said: "She always adored him – she never looked at anyone else. She was smitten from the start."

That was when Princess Elizabeth, 13, was shown around Dartmouth Naval College in July 1939 by the 17-year-old blond cadet Prince Philip of Greece.

*They were distantly related as third cousins through Queen Victoria. Good-looking and athletic, he impressed Elizabeth by jumping over tennis nets.*

From then on they wrote to each other regularly and met on several occasions, including at a tea party aboard the Royal Yacht *Albert and Victoria*, chaperoned by Lord Mountbatten.

Philip was invited to spend Christmas 1943 at Windsor and by the end of the Second World War there was widespread speculation of romance.

It has been suggested they became unofficially engaged in the summer of 1946 at Balmoral.

The official announcement, on July 10, 1947, was delayed until Princess Elizabeth was 21 and back from a tour of South Africa.

In February Philip had become a British subject, renouncing his Greek royal title and adopting the surname of Mountbatten.

Their marriage, on November, 20, 1947 at Westminster Abbey, provided post-war Britain with



What a turnout . . . Trafalgar Square crowd at wedding procession



Successful team . . . the pair enjoy each other's company

# HER ROCK FOR 73YRS

- Aides feared it would never last
- Philip devoted life to serving her

much-needed glitz and glamour. Philip became the Duke of Edinburgh and ten years later the Queen made him a Prince.

Their first child, Charles Philip Arthur George, was born on November 14, 1948, and the second, Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise, on August 15, 1950.

Andrew Albert Christian Edward was born at Buckingham Palace on February 19, 1960, and Edward Antony Richard Louis was born

there on March 10, 1964. Philip was posted to Malta in 1949 and both he and Elizabeth always talked fondly of their two years there as a "normal family".

But he had to give up his naval career in July 1951 as George VI's health got worse and Elizabeth became Queen the year after.

Philip took a practical view on the monarchy.

He once said: "My job first, second and last is never to let the

Queen down." She also relied on him utterly in family matters. It was Philip who wrote to Princess Diana during her marriage crisis with Charles, asking her to recognise fault on both sides.

But he always recognised that the Queen came first.

Once asked about the secret to their successful marriage, he replied: "Different interests. It's one thing not to argue about."

That was obvious at parties

where Philip had people rocking with laughter while the Queen would chat away earnestly.

It was always clear what a good "team" they made. Philip continued to surprise his wife with romantic gifts and they liked to take afternoon tea together.

The marriage of the Queen and Philip, much like her reign, was a triumph of stability.

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# LOVE STOOD TEST OF TIME

Wedding day ... couple  
at Buckingham Palace  
on November 20, 1947



Support ... on a royal tour of Canada in 1951



Growing family ... with kids Anne and Charles



Enduring ... at Balmoral for silver anniversary



Laughs ... the Queen and Prince Philip in 2014



ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



# QUEEN MADE

**That amazing smile would light up any room... but few people ever told her what a great job she did**

**BY ARTHUR EDWARDS**

The Sun's Royal Photographer



Debut... my first snap of the Queen for The Sun

**I WAS queuing for lunch at my East London school when the headmaster walked in and said: "It has just been announced that the King has died."**

It did not mean anything to me and I just carried on getting my food.

Three or four months later, we were all marched up from our school in Stepney to Whitechapel to see the young Queen driving past.

It was my first sight of our new monarch, the lady I would be destined to spend a lifetime photographing.

I was 11 when the Queen came to the throne in February 1952, and for the vast majority of people today, she was the only monarch they had ever known.

They will mourn her passing with great sadness.

I covered the death of Diana in the summer of 1997 and witnessed scenes the like of which I had never experienced before.

Five years later, I watched queues that lasted for days as thousands upon thousands of people paid their last respects as the Queen Mother lay in state.

*But those events will now be eclipsed in the lead-up to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.*

Like me, millions will feel lucky that she was our Queen.

I was with her in Scotland in September 2015 on the day she passed her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria's record of 63 years and 216 days on the throne.

She said it just meant she had lived a long time. But when you think how she was only 25 when she became Queen, it shows just how brilliantly she did, all with no fuss.

On foreign tours she would hold a reception for the media, and it would always be small talk.

But two months after the Princess of Wales died, we were in India and I could not resist telling her: "Ma'am, your address to the nation about Diana was fantastic. I watched it in a pub in Westminster."

She said: "You were in a pub?"

And I told her how the whole place went quiet listening to her.

Later, as the Queen left, her lady-in-waiting came back and said: "Thank you for saying those lovely things to the Queen."

*It was at that moment that it dawned on me how few people ever told her what a great job she did throughout her long reign.*

On another occasion, I asked the Queen: "Why do you keep going to Balmoral on your holidays?"

She said simply: "Well, I like it there. Where else could I go?"

Later, a lady-in-waiting told me how when the Queen went through the gates of her Scottish estate each summer, she kicked off her shoes with delight.

For three months she lived the life of a normal person. Up there

She lived through heartache.. but always bounced back

people ignored her. Unless she spoke to them, locals carried on with their work and the police protection officers were hidden in boxes round the estate, so she could not see them.

Someone at the American Embassy once told me how the US had wanted a royal visit and were told: "We can send you Charles and Diana." And the Americans said, "No, no, we want the Queen."

Then when I got my MBE in 2003, who did I want to present it to me? Charles? William? Anne? No, I was just like everybody else. I wanted the Queen.

I took my first ever photograph of the Queen as she got out of her car with Prince Philip and Edward, who was about 12.

As a photographer, you had to concentrate 100 per cent because the Queen would never do a stunt for an easy photo, like throwing a dart or picking up a billiard cue.

You just had to wait for her to smile. But that amazing smile would light up the whole room.

And she had a great sense of humour. She unveiled a statue of Eric Morecambe in Morecambe, Lancs, in 1999, showing him in his Bring Me Sunshine pose.

The statue made me laugh and I knew the Queen was laughing too, but I did a shot from the back. You did not need to see her face, you knew she was smiling.

The best picture I ever took of her, though, was at the Derby in 2005. Her Majesty was wearing green and her companion, Lady Angela Oswald, clearly told her something funny, because she just roared with laughter.

It was a fantastic sequence of photos that I was never able to beat. The Queen lived through recessions, wars and personal heartache and every time she bounced back.

But when Prince Philip died, she lost the one person she could confide in, and I am sure the Queen missed him desperately.

When I saw her for the first time all those years ago in East London, she had already pledged to devote her whole life - "whether it be short or long" - to her people.

*Travelling the world with her for 40 years, she made me proud that I am British - and so proud that she was our Queen.*



# SUN MAN PROUD TO BE BRITISH



Joy... the best picture I took of Her Majesty, at 2005 Derby



Our sunshine... Queen at Eric Morecambe statue event



Public facing... with gurning ace Tim Mattinson in 2008



Kiss... for grandson Harry, in his Eton uniform, in 2010



New Millennium... raising a glass to Philip in 2000



Respect... poppies marked 100 years since WWI began



## ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



By **MATT WILKINSON**  
Royal Correspondent

**THROUGHOUT** her reign and service, the Queen's role was chiefly head of state while the Duke of Edinburgh was left to be head of the family.

But when Prince Harry and Meghan revealed on Instagram they were quitting royal duties to live in America, it was a crisis that required the Queen to be both.

At a hastily convened summit at Sandringham in January 2020 her decision was swift and final; the Sussexes can leave the family business but not have the trappings that come with being royal. The wantaway couple were told there was no "half-in, half-out" role and that they could not have their cake and eat it as they were wished good luck in their new life.

In her statement the Queen thanked them for their "dedicated" work saying she was "particularly proud of Meghan".

She added: "It is my whole family's hope that today's agreement allows them to start building a happy and peaceful new life."

This new beginning was anything but peaceful for the Queen. Because although the couple had quit royal service, they remained in the family.

As one palace insider put it: "They might no longer be working members of the Royal Family but they are not in exile."

Leaving royal life and service to the crown and state was never a consideration or choice for the Queen. She was catapulted into succession when her uncle Edward VIII quit royal service to marry divorcee Wallis Simpson in 1936.

Seeing the impact on her father scarred the Queen's early years but she rose to dedicate herself to a life of service.

So in her mid-90s – forced to isolate in Windsor Castle as Covid-19 raged – the Queen was asked to step up and deal with this cross-Atlantic family crisis, again and again and again.

Throughout the pandemic there was the overriding national feeling that Harry and Meghan would be best served in the UK by supporting the Royal Family rather than firing increasingly bitter pot-shots from across the pond.

When the one-year review came round, The Queen acted as both head of state and head of the family when the couple said they would not return.

Meghan was stripped of her patronages. Harry's honorary military titles were formally removed.

They were relieved as President and Vice-President of the Queen's Commonwealth Trust after claiming the former Empire "must right the wrongs" of the past.

In her final Megxit statement the Queen explained: "Following conversations with the Duke, the Queen has written confirming that in stepping away from the work of the Royal Family it is not possible to continue with the responsibilities and duties that come with a life of public service."

"While we are all saddened by their decision, The Duke and

Married . . . Wallis and Edward



## TELL-ALL WITH OPRAH

Harry and Meghan disclose their 'truth' to the chat-show queen

Duchess remain much-loved members of the family."

The Duke of Sussex responded to the final Megxit deal – struck with Prince Philip in hospital – with an incendiary retort.

Their spokesman said: "As evidenced by their work over the past year, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex remain committed to their duty and service to the UK and around the world, and have offered their continued support to the organisations they have represented regardless of official role. "We can all live a life of service. Service is universal."

Harry had initiated the review two months early because the couple wanted to tell "their truth" to Oprah Winfrey. The "tell-all" chat which aired days after the swapping of Megxit statements sent shockwaves around the world.

The couple alleged there was a racist in the Royal Family and claimed Meghan's mental health concerns were ignored.

Astonishingly, the Queen was not told about what was planned, as palace insiders revealed "as non-working members of the Royal Family they are under no obligation to inform the Royal Household of such plans".

Faced with an onslaught of accusations, many later proven to be untrue, the Queen waited more than 38 hours to respond publicly. She ordered a private family-led probe into the claims but tellingly, issued these words: "Some recollections may vary".

She kept it civil by saying the Sussexes remain "much-loved family members".

A source close to the Queen said: "She is not angry, she is just sad. They have always worried about him and the Queen feels very protective about him (Harry)."

Two months later Harry went further on a mental health pod-

cast, blasting his upbringing saying he wanted to "break the cycle" of pain caused by his father.

This felt a more personal attack on the Queen, Charles and the whole Royal Family.

Faced with overwhelming public sympathy, coming after the shock and horror of the first Oprah interview, and grieving the loss of her husband, she stayed silent.

Just a few years earlier the Queen had welcomed divorcee Meghan into the fold and issued an Instrument of Consent for their May 2018 wedding saying she was "delighted for the couple".

She gifted Meghan a set of pearl earrings and a necklace for her engagement and presented Frogmore Cottage to the couple.

The pair shared a tender moment when the Queen placed a blanket on Meghan's knees on their first joint-engagement together in Cheshire. Meghan later told Oprah: "The Queen has always been wonderful to me."

An insider said: "She was understanding that Harry and Meghan wanted out but it could not come at the detriment of the whole family."

Because stepping away from royal life has never even crossed the Queen's mind during her reign. She remembered only too well the huge toll that Edward VIII's abdication had on her own father and the Royal Family.

When Edward quit royal duty to marry American Wallis Simpson, the line of succession passed to her father.

George VI called it a "burden" as he was the second-born and the spare and so was never meant to take the crown, let alone pass it down to his eldest daughter.

But he was regarded as a successful wartime king although he succumbed to the stress and heavy smoking and died aged 56 – leaving Princess Elizabeth to become Queen aged 25.

In a worldwide radio message on her 21st, she said: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."

The thought of abdication, or quitting royal service to enjoy life elsewhere, even stepping away as head of state or head of the family, was never ever an option she wanted or explored.

The Queen was true to her word. And her service was universal to family and state.

## SPLIT THAT

**BEFORE RIFT**

Meghan, Harry and Queen in June 2018



# HEARTACHE



# LEFT THE FAMILY DIVIDED



● **Harry shunned  
Royals for US life**

● **Claims on TV  
were a bombshell**



Cancelled ... rail strike

## Rail & mail strikes off in honour of Queen

By RYAN SABEY

RAIL strikes set for next week have been called off following the Queen's death.

Last night the RMT suspended industrial action planned for next Thursday and Saturday.

Union baron Mick Lynch, whose members are involved in a long-running dispute over pay and conditions, made the announcement minutes after Her Majesty's death had been revealed.

He said his union joined the whole nation in paying its respects to the former Monarch. He said: "We express our deepest condolences to her family, friends and the country."

Meanwhile, a planned strike by Royal Mail workers today was also called off, the Communication Workers Union revealed last night.

## Money's still legal

BANKNOTES featuring a portrait of the Queen will continue to be legal tender, the Bank of England confirmed last night.

A further update regarding the future of the notes will be made once the period of mourning has been observed following the Queen's death.

Her Majesty was the first monarch to appear on a banknote when her likeness was on the £1 note in 1960.



# OF MEGXIT



ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



A MASSIVE

**THE Queen is dead.**

Even as I write those words I can't quite believe them, and it makes me feel incredibly emotional.

I'll admit to shedding a tear when the news came through, as I'm sure most people did.

How could we not be hugely moved by this massive, seismic moment in the history of our great country?

Elizabeth II was monarch of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth for my entire life.

In fact, she was on the throne for 13 years longer than I've been alive.

She was the longest-reigning monarch in British history, and the second longest reigning anywhere in the world, only eclipsed by France's King Louis XIV, who gained his title at the age of just four, so doesn't really compare.

That makes her the undisputed GOAT, the greatest of all time; a monumental, towering, royal colossus who was not only the most famous person on planet Earth but the most respected.

Her death is thus an enormous blow, not just to the British people but to our national psyche.

It doesn't matter that she was 96. If anything, her great age, and extraordinarily long tenure, makes this loss even harder to bear.

The Queen carried an aura of invincibility about her.

She was always there, a constant rock of stability in an often tumultuous, fragile and dangerous world.

Through wars, terrorism, natural disasters and shocking tragedies she was a stupendously stoic symbol of strength, resilience, hope and inspiration.

Never was this better illustrated than when she addressed us at the height of the Covid pandemic as the deadly virus was destroying lives as fast as it was destroying economies.

"I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute," she said, "then we will overcome it. I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge."

**Waspish humour**

"And those who come after us will say Britons of this generation were as strong as any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet, good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country. The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and the future."

In a few brief minutes, when we were all on our knees from anxiety, grief and exhaustion, the Queen once again lifted our spirits, stiffened our resolve, and gave us hope for the future.

That was her greatest quality, always knowing exactly what to say and when to say it.

It is staggering to think that she was only 25 when she inherited the crown, four years younger than my eldest son.

So much pressure at such a young age, yet from the moment of her coronation she led this country with a majesty way beyond her years.

Queen Elizabeth was quite simply the finest, most dedicated servant Britain's ever had. A woman who devoted her life to duty, putting service to her country above all else.

She was noble, dignified, humble and intensely private.

Uniquely for world leaders, she never gave a single real interview, preferring to let her actions and few public words speak for her, which they did so powerfully.

She worked strictly to the simple philosophy handed down from her mother, The Queen Mother: "Never complain, never explain, and speak rarely in public."

She never chased celebrity, instead it chased her. As the reaction to her death shows, she was the biggest star of them all.

I had the honour of meeting the Queen three times.

She was small but robustly sturdy, always perfectly groomed, and deployed that famous fixed regal grin to cover myriad emotions.

Beneath the benign, almost mumsy, appearance lurked a formidably sharp brain and a waspish sense of humour.

"Do you enjoy hosting your

# Thank you for everything, Ma'am. You were the greatest of Britons. The very best of what this country offers

BY PIERS MORGAN



garden parties?" I once asked her at a Windsor Castle event for British media figures in 2002 – as we looked out over the magnificently tended green fields.

"Well, Mr Morgan," she replied, "let me put it this way: How would YOU like 12,000 complete strangers trampling on YOUR lawn?"

Then we both fell about laughing. I've got a photo of that moment and it's a treasured possession.

The Queen was always supremely calm, especially when everyone else was panicking.

In fact, I only saw her rattled on one occasion, and that was in the

dark, difficult days after the death of Princess Diana in 1997.

The royals decamped to Balmoral in Scotland as the nation descended into grief, and Her Majesty was personally attacked for the first time anyone could remember for refusing to lower the flag at Buckingham Palace and for making no personal address to the nation.

I spoke to one of her press chiefs at the time, and he said she was like the proverbial rabbit trapped in headlights – unable to rid herself of the rigid formality the royals had always been taught to practise in such times of crisis and personal

grief. I remember writing the headline on the Daily Mirror front page (I was editor at the time): "Speak To Us, Ma'am, Your People Are Suffering". It may seem utterly impertinent now, but in the moment it accurately reflected the mood of the country.

The next morning the Queen came back to London, lowered the flag and spoke to the nation without her famous tiara.

"I speak as a grandmother," she began, and then made one of the greatest and most perfectly pitched speeches I've ever heard – sincere, eloquent, moving, direct. The mood

changed instantly from anger to respect and affection.

And right there, I understood the primary purpose of the Queen – to console, comfort, celebrate with, encourage and stabilise the people of Great Britain.

And I also understood her brilliant instincts when it came to getting the right message out to the public.

She did it for 70 years and barely ever put a foot, or word, wrong.

During the making of an official royal documentary about her life, entitled Elizabeth R, in 1992, she told the director: "One feels the



# BLOW TO NATIONAL PSYCHE



**JEWELS & THE CROWN** ... a portrait by David Bailey reissued in 2016 to mark the 65th anniversary of the Queen's reign. The sapphire jewellery was a wedding present from her father King George VI  
Picture: DAVID BAILEY



**LAUGHS** ... Queen jokes with Piers at garden party

**‘Do you enjoy hosting your garden parties?’ I once asked her at a Windsor Castle party as we looked out over the magnificently tended green fields. ‘Well, Mr Morgan,’ she replied, ‘Let me put it this way – how would YOU like 12,000 complete strangers trampling on YOUR lawn?’ Then we both fell about laughing**



**TWEET SORROW** ... Piers pays his respects via Twitter

buck stops here, so to speak. I had a letter this morning. It said, 'I've been going round and round in circles, but you are the only person who can stop the circle'. I thought that was rather nice."

In the end, the buck did indeed stop with her. And she stopped a multitude of circles on a daily basis.

An American journalist – she reigned for nearly a third of America's entire history! – once asked me: "What is the point of the Queen?" and it was a good question.

She wasn't an elected official and had no real executive powers like a US president. But each week she

met with her Prime Minister, and the importance of those private encounters, and her influence over those running the country, cannot be overstated.

She had 15 Prime Ministers during her reign, and I've spoken to three of them – Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – about her.

All attested to the Queen's extraordinary wisdom gleaned from meeting every leader for the past 70 years, including 13 US Presidents, and surveying every world crisis in that time.

"There was no problem I encoun-

tered that she hadn't seen before, in some form," Blair told me. "I found that very comforting."

"She's so intelligent," agreed Brown, "and never hesitated to challenge me about something if she didn't agree."

"I trusted her instincts better than almost anyone else's," said Thatcher. I did, too.

The Queen had a remarkable ability to instantly grasp the importance and seriousness of any problem, nationally or globally, and react accordingly.

She was highly intelligent and remarkably well read, and the

extraordinary life she led, and the vast array of people she met, gave her tremendous, almost unparalleled, experience, wisdom and perspective.

Now, she is gone, and her death could not come at a worse time.

Britain, like much of the world, has been battered by coronavirus, financial crisis, political toxicity and a new war in Europe.

The very last thing we need in these horrendous times is the loss of our rock, this diminutive but gigantic figurehead who made us all feel everything would be OK.

But she would be the first to tell us to get a grip, dry our tears and

get on with it, as she always did. For Queen Elizabeth II, the country she loved so much came first, middle and last.

So, as we mourn this phenomenal lady, let's invoke her spirit.

The only solace is that she is now reunited with her own rock, Prince Philip, and that with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the summer we got the chance to show her how much she meant to us, and to the world.

Thank you for everything, Ma'am. You were the greatest of Britons who represented the very best of what our country has to offer.



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## 96 MAJESTY





# C YEARS...IN 97 PICTURES





# TRUSS UNVEILS HUGE AID



By NATASHA CLARK  
and RYAN SABEY

**MILLIONS** of householders breathed a huge sigh of relief yesterday when Liz Truss capped typical energy bills at £2,500 for the next two years.

The new PM unveiled the biggest financial package in peacetime history to shield worried and struggling families from crippling price increases.

Businesses, small and large, will also get similar help but there was anger that this will only last for six months unless companies are considered to be "vulnerable".

Ms Truss also lifted the long-standing ban on fracking and put her weight behind North Sea oil exploration to ensure the UK is "never in this situation again".

The steps were announced just weeks before regulator Ofgem was expected to set the energy price cap at £3,549 from October 1.

Freezing average annual bills at £2,500 from then will now mean that most households throughout the UK will save around £1,000 a year. Green levies worth £150 are also to be binned, cutting charges.

The promised £400 off fuel bills for all households will be paid this year but not next – meaning costs will be higher next winter.

Anyone on a fixed-price deal is expected to get a cash refund or be allowed to ditch it with no penalty.

Households on oil heating or who buy other forms of energy will also get equivalent help.

Schools, charities and businesses will be able to access cash assistance if needed.

A £40billion liquidity fund for firms to buy gas will be set up.

The PM's action to "make bills affordable" came just 48 hours after she took the top job.

Her "energy price guarantee" will be funded by borrowing as much as £150billion – double the cost of the Covid furlough scheme.

The bill will be put on the Treasury's books and paid back by general taxes.

Insiders admitted they had no idea what the programme's true cost might turn out to be because the price of gas is fluctuating wildly as the war in Ukraine rages.

Ms Truss told the Commons: "Doing nothing is not an option."

She added: "This is the moment to be bold. We are facing a global energy crisis and there are no cost-free options."

Ms Truss told MPs that ministers will push ahead with at least 100 new oil and gas licences as part of a massive exploration of energy in the North Sea.

She lifted the long-standing ban on fracking, and drilling could start within six months.

The PM said beefing up the UK's own energy supplies was vital to ensure that the country becomes self-sufficient in fuel.

She promised to make Britain a net exporter of energy by 2040.

In her first big policy announcement since becoming PM, Ms Truss

# CAP FITS FOR 2YRS

● **New PM's time-frame for energy costs freeze**

**BILLS FROZEN AT £2,500**

● **But help for firms lasts only 6 months**

said: "Putin is exploiting by weaponising energy supplies as part of his illegal war on Ukraine."

"So as well as the action we are taking today on bills, we will use the next two years to make sure that the United Kingdom is never in this situation again."

She ruled out a new windfall tax to pay for the rescue plan, as Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer asked: "Who is going to pay? This bill will be picked up by working people."

Ms Truss argued that squeezing the major oil and gas providers would "undermine the national interest by discouraging the investment we need".

New Business and Energy Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg said the landmark plan would "make sure

that Putin and his like can never hold this country to ransom again". He insisted: "We must fix our broken system."

Financial experts believe the package will curb inflation by five per cent, slashing government debt repayments and helping to tame the cost of living crisis.

But business groups called out for more clarity on the help to come.

Martin McTague, national chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "This is not enough information yet to plan."

The initial help will last for six months and continue for industries that are considered vulnerable.

Ms Truss said this would include pubs and restaurants. However, hospitality chiefs said soaring bills

would still see many businesses fold. They are calling for a VAT cut now and more business rates relief.

Kate Nicholls, CEO of UKHospitality warned: "While the welcome energy price freeze will ease the pressure on our customers and colleagues, high bills will still constrain spending in the sector."

"Operators themselves will still have to fund energy bills and other rising costs."

She added: "For many hospitality businesses this will prove too much to bear and hundreds of community assets will be shut and jobs lost unless additional support is brisk and bold."

A Campaign for Real Ale spokesman welcomed the six-month energy price freeze. He said:

"Today's announcement will keep wolves from the door this winter."

But one pub owner asked: "What happens after six months? This still leaves us in limbo."

Robert Chapman, 57, who runs a cafe and tea rooms in Beverley, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, added: "A six-month period of just waiting is not going to help anybody."

"We work on much longer cycles than six months to make decisions on hiring, on investment."

A think-tank, meanwhile, said the cost of the package of measures could eclipse the £137billion bank bailout in the 2008 financial crisis.

Torsten Bell, chief executive of the independent Resolution Foundation, warned: "Liz Truss is asking



# PACKAGE ON POWER CRISIS



Boost... fracking site

## Return to fracking 'within 6 months'

By NATASHA CLARK

FRACKING could restart again in England within six months – as long as local people agree.

Developers will be able to seek planning permission where there is the backing of communities.

Shale gas firms are set to offer discounts of up to 25 per cent on bills to woo them over.

The moratorium banning new drilling for shale gas under the ground has been in place since 2019 over concerns about earth tremors.

But a review set to be published today is expected to say it can be done safely – but that more research is needed.

New PM Liz Truss said fracking would only be allowed "where there is local support for it".

Last night fracking firms hailed the news.

Francis Egan, CEO of Cuadrilla, said: "A thriving shale gas industry will drive job creation across the North of England, generate much needed tax revenues for central and local government, and benefit local communities financially."

And chemicals giant Ineos offered to drill a test well.

But Tom Fyans of countryside charity CPRE warned: "The brutal reality of fracking is that to get any meaningful amount of gas from the ground would require wholesale devastation of the countryside."

## Net Zero cost test

By NATASHA CLARK

MINISTERS are to investigate whether bold Net Zero laws are clobbering Brits in the pocket.

New PM Liz Truss has vowed to slash emissions to help stop the planet from warming up.

But she told the Cabinet yesterday it must not burden businesses or consumers during the cost of living crisis.

Former energy and climate change minister Chris Skidmore MP – who put the targets into law – will report back by the end of the year.

Mr Skidmore said he was pleased to "conduct a review into meeting our Net Zero commitments in the most economically-efficient way".

Power play... PM unveils her strategy to MPs yesterday. Right, leaving No10 for the Commons



We will use the next 2 years to make sure the UK is never in this situation again

— PM LIZ TRUSS

future taxpayers to pick up a large and very uncertain bill on behalf of today's energy bill payers, but declined to set out the cost.

"It goes without saying this can't be the permanent answer to higher energy bills."

The Institute for Fiscal Studies think-tank said the staggering sums would be "clearly unsustainable", adding ministers should be working on a better plan for next winter.

Tory MP Robert Halfon called on the PM to make a further cut to fuel duty to help hard-up drivers.

Ms Truss hinted last night that such a move may be on the cards. She said: "I'm sure the Chancellor is listening intently ahead of his fiscal statement later this month."

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## MAJOR RELIEF FOR READERS

I KNOW Sun readers have been worrying about their rising energy bills. But today, I hope you can breathe a massive sigh of relief.

The Prime Minister promised quick action and has been true to her word.

From next month, we are going to limit what energy companies can charge you, and save the average household at least £1,000 this winter.

On top of this, you will still get £400 of support with your energy costs.

Added together, our action will keep your bill close to what it is today.

And for eight million low-income and



By **KWASI KWARTENG**  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

vulnerable households, £1,200 of support is already on its way.

All that said, some of you may still be worried about making ends meet, which is why I want you to know about the other benefits of our plan.

Our Energy Price Guarantee will curb inflation to cut the wider cost of living. Our support for business and

industry will also protect jobs. While we are offering immediate support, we need a permanent solution.

That's why we're working hard to reform and boost our energy supply with more domestic oil and gas, offshore wind and new nuclear power.

Never again should a petrostate autocrat like Vladimir Putin be able to weaponise the price of gas to fund a barbaric war.

This is the right plan to guide us through the storm. And it's exactly the action we are getting from our new Prime Minister.



THERE was little surprise that LIL NAS X wore typically outlandish outfits to kick off his first headline tour.

The Industry Baby singer channelled Star Wars droid C-3PO with these golden trousers after first appearing in pink glittery American football gear and changing into a silver crop top and butterfly wings, *below right*.

He told fans he had fashioned the show to be like a modern pop musical of three acts – rebirth, transformation and becoming – representing different stages of his life so far.

The Long Live Montero tour will run across North America for the next seven weeks before a string of shows in Europe in November, including a sold-out concert at London's Eventim Apollo.

He could have easily played much bigger venues this time around so it's no wonder fans are already eager for him to announce another tour.

● ZAC EFRON has shot down rumours of plastic surgery, revealing his face changed after he suffered an accident at home.

The *High School Musical* star, *inset*, said he slid along the floor in socks, fell and smacked his chin against a granite counter, shattering his jaw and knocking himself out. Photos of his face last year sparked rumours he'd had work done. He told *Men's Health*: "If I valued what other people thought of me to the extent that they may think I do, I definitely wouldn't be able to do this work."



## Gwen KOs new album

GWEN STEFANI has scrapped her first album in five years after deciding she didn't have enough to say in her new music.

The former NO DOUBT frontwoman released a handful of singles last year but has shelved plans for putting out a collection.

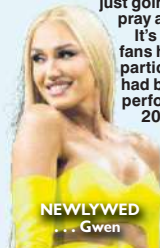
She said: "I did go in during the quarantine years and write a bunch of songs, like 30-plus, but I didn't feel the passion that I've wanted to put it out."

"I also got married that year and I just wanted to be in the marriage and try not to do so many things at one time, just be realistic that there are only so many things you can do at one time."

She added in *Forbes* magazine: "I kind of put it on the back burner but I also feel like, sometimes, I don't really have much to say or I don't know if I do – so I'm just going to wait and pray about it."

It's bad news for fans here in particular, as she had been due to perform in the UK in 2020 before Covid put paid to that.

With no tunes on the way, the wait will be even longer.



NEWLYWED  
... Gwen

● YUNGBLUD has revealed the worst thing he has ever seen at one of his gigs ... and it might turn your stomach.

He recalled: "I saw someone throw up in someone's face once, which was pretty hectic."

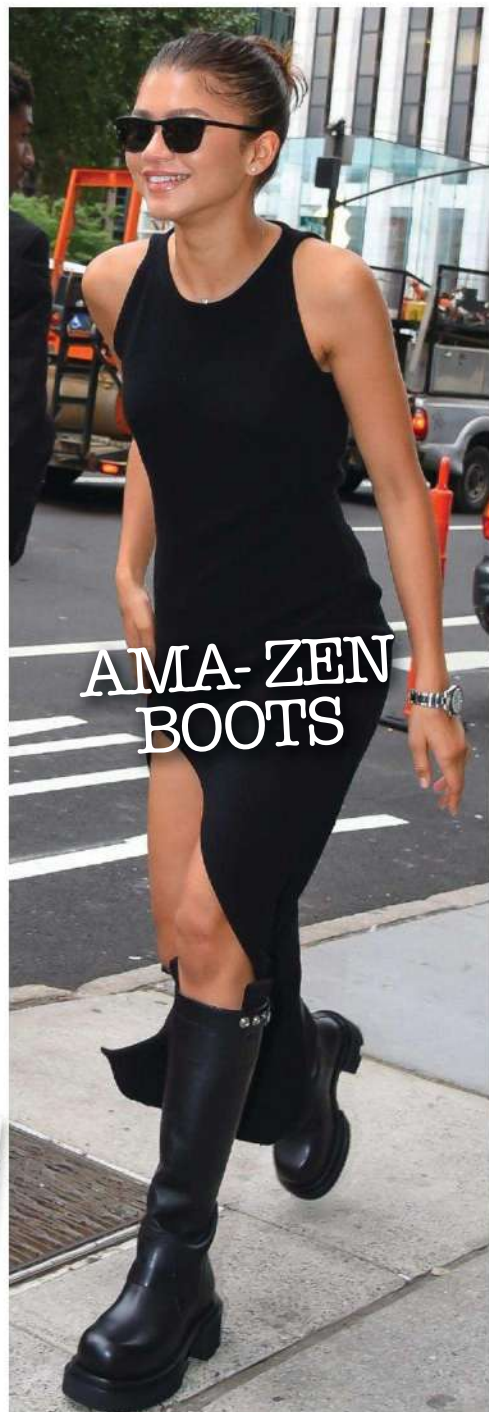
"TRAVIS BARKER was playing the drums and then it all happened and I was like, 'What the f\*\*\*?'"

"Travis couldn't stop laughing. That shows just how he is one of the best drummers in the world, because he kept holding the beat all the while he was hysterically laughing."



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NICE  
TO C-3PO  
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AMA-ZEN  
BOOTS

ZENDAYA's boots were definitely made for walking.

The *Euphoria* actress slipped on the pair of chunky heels and this little black dress as she ran errands in New York.

Zendaya was flying solo and was without her British actor boyfriend TOM HOLLAND after the pair spent the past week celebrating her birthday.

She threw a bash with close friends and family at Italian restaurant Mamo last Friday and was seen partying with her *Euphoria* castmates including HUNTER SCHAFER.



PAIN... Dragons singer

## DAN'S GRIEF SONGS

THEIR fist-pumping anthems are made to be sung loud and proud in arenas.

But IMAGINE DRAGONS' latest albums, *Mercury* vols 1 & 2, are so raw that singer DAN REYNOLDS will never perform some of their tracks live.

In the space of five years the frontman lost his sister-in-law, business manager and his ex-girlfriend to cancer, while his long-time best friend took his own life.

In an exclusive interview to mark the release of the tenth anniversary edition of their debut album, *Night Visions*, out today, he said: "It's not something I want to relive every day."

"There's certain songs I don't think I'll ever sing live. I wish, for instance, is one of those songs."

While singing the tracks is hard, Dan said he found the process of making the songs helped his grief process.

He added: "Having a sounding board to express your feelings, I feel they've built up and you're holding on to them. 'To say, I miss you' can be incredibly cathartic. It was a really beautiful experience."

● TELLY'S ANNEKA RICE is on a mission to find her missing Madame Tussauds waxwork, saying the mystery is giving her sleepless nights.

It disappeared after being taken off display in London years ago.

Anneka said on the *heat7* podcast: "It became an obsession. It is like doing a treasure hunt on LSD."

"There was a man called Dominic who told me he was 64 per cent sure he saw my head at the top of Tussauds in Blackpool a few years ago, next to MIKE TYSON or NIGEL LAWSON."



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# SID AND CHRISSIE

## Pistols show actors fall for each other

**HIT SEX PISTOLS TV series Pistol told the story of a young SID VICIOUS and his turbulent relationship with his girlfriend NANCY SPUNGEN.**

But the actor who played him, **LOUIS PARTRIDGE**, has fallen for the actress who portrayed **PRETENDERS** singer **CHRISSIE HYNDE**.

The British heart-throb, who has racked up 7.5million Instagram followers, is dating American **SYDNEY CHANDLER** after growing close on the set of the six-part Disney+ series last year.

This week he flew out to Italy with her for the Venice Film Festival premiere of her film *Don't Worry Darling*, which has been embroiled in stories of tension on set between **FLORENCE PUGH**, director **OLIVIA WILDE** and her boyfriend **HARRY STYLES**.

A source said: "Everyone was so focused on all the drama with Florence, Olivia and Harry that I don't think anyone noticed who Sydney's date was."

"They've been quietly going out for about a year now but have managed to keep

it under the radar. They seem very close to going public with their relationship and Louis clearly played the role of the supportive boyfriend very well."

Since filming finished the couple have spent time together in Los Angeles as well as London and they have enjoyed trips to the Isle of Wight and Paris in December last year, too.

But while their relationship has been plain sailing, the same can't be said for Sydney's *Don't Worry Darling* co-stars.

Only yesterday, Olivia hit out at claims she left her fiancé, actor

**JASON SUDEIKIS**, for *As It Was* singer Harry.

In a new interview with *Vanity Fair* mag, she said: "The horses" idea that I left Jason for Harry is completely inaccurate."

"Our relationship was over long before I met Harry."

"Like any relationship that ends, it doesn't end overnight. Unfortunately, Jason and I had a very bumpy road and we officially dissolved the relationship towards the beginning of the pandemic."

"We were raising two kids during lockdown, so we co-parented through that time."

"Once it became clear that cohabitating was no longer beneficial for the children, it became the responsible thing to do, because we could be better parents as friends who live in different houses."

There's enough drama in that romantic saga for its own movie.



REAL LOVE...  
as Sid & Chrissie  
and right, at  
Pistol premiere



# LEW'S WRITE LAUGH



LEW TWO...  
pop star with  
me at O2

I HAD the pleasure of hanging out with **LEWIS CAPALDI** backstage in London's O2 Arena at the end of last month to talk about his new song *Forget Me*.

Now he has written about it himself.

The singer/songwriter revealed: "Lyrically it covers a lot of the same ground as before. I meet lady, lady leaves me, I whine about it in a pop song. Textbook."

"This new one is sad and fast, much like my love-making. Not to worry, I've still got plenty of depressing ballads up my sleeve."

Lewis added that the track is about an ex who he watched moving on with her life as he felt left behind.

He said: "I hope you like the song. If not, that's fine too, but come on to f\*\*\*, I've heard some of the s\*\*\* that's been big over the last few years and it's got to be a wee bit better than some of that."

"I'll leave you with a quote from my mother, 'It's not the best song I've ever heard, but I do like it.'"

**Lewis Capaldi -**  
**Forget Me**

★★★★★

**FORGET Me** is an upbeat, friendly anthem that's uplifting despite melancholy lyrics.

It marks a new era for Lewis. While the heart and soul of his lyrics remain poignant, he can deliver his message in a new way.

Opening lines form a country influenced first verse before a pure pop chorus which will oscillate around your brain for hours. Five-star pop perfection.



## ELLIE'S SOME STRING SPECIAL

SOFTLY spoken **ELLIE GOULDING** will be rocking out when she goes on her next tour, as she is determined to play guitar throughout her shows.

The British pop star, whose fifth album is due to come out next year, wore this dress with a thigh-high slit to the AmFAR Gala in Venice on Wednesday night, where she also performed – without her stringed instrument.

But that is set to change.

Ellie said in a new interview in the US: "I'm going to play guitar pretty much the majority of the set when I start touring next year, because my album is coming out at the beginning of 2023."

"Then I'll have a year of festivals, I hope. That's the plan. I'm going to play guitar for most of it, which will just require a good amount of rehearsals."

"I'd love to get to a point where it's just all natural to me."

"I've been doing a few tours with no guitar. It's weird, but I guess I was more focused on singing."



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## STRICTLY STAR SET TO MARRY

# Daisy has been searching high and low for love. So has she finally found it?

**WHEN** Daisy Lowe got a tattoo of a cute cherub holding up a heart, there was a small space for the name of a lover to be added.

But it remained blank – and the model and former *Strictly* contestant became convinced she would never find a man worthy of having his name inked on the design.

Now, however, that seems set to change, as the one-time ultimate bachelorette has revealed she is settling down at last after a 15-year search for the perfect partner.

Daisy, 33, has found her happy-ever-after with 28-year-old property developer Jordan Saul after a series of failed romances with famous faces including Harry Styles, Tinie Tempah, Doctor Who star Matt Smith and DJ Mark Ronson.

She announced the news on Instagram, sharing a picture of herself snogging Jordan and explaining what happened next.

She wrote in the caption: "We took this picture this afternoon moments before Jordan ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM."

And she added: "I said f\*\*\* yes. I am officially your fiancé (*sic*) & I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you my hubby to be."

The news thrilled friends but also came as a surprise, as Daisy had openly talked of her fear she would never find Mr Right. Explaining her tattoo, she said: "True Romance is my favourite film of all



By **GRACE MACASKILL**

time and in the film the lovers get matching tattoos of a cherub holding a heart with a banner in it. They obviously get each other's name in it, but mine is empty and will stay empty."

So will Jordan's name now feature after all? The couple, who met as Daisy walked her dog on Hampstead Heath in North London, are very much still loved up after two years of dating and Daisy revealed they have sex up to three times a day.

She told *The Sun* this year: "I always knew good sex made me feel a lot better. Orgasms are so good for stress-relieving. I'm definitely happiest at least a few times a week, like every other day. On a great day, two or three times a day."

Daisy has admitted she often got partners wrong because she was looking for boyfriends who reminded her of her mum, Pearl Lowe, or dad Gavin Rossdale, singer with the rock band Bush.

She was 14 when she discovered that Gavin, 56, was actually her dad, not her godfather as she had been told. She thought her father was Californian fertility specialist Bronner Handwerker.

Daisy told *CQ* magazine: "I need to figure men out. I've been seeing men that either remind me of my mother or remind me of my father. I either end up



**SMITTEN ...**  
Daisy and Jordan

caretaking or being abandoned, so I've had enough of my romantic instincts. I need to date away from type."

Her first romance to British singer Will Cameron lasted two years from 2007 and the couple posed in a naked embrace on the cover of *I-D* magazine.

But they briefly split in 2008 after she fell for DJ Mark Ronson – 13 years her senior at 32.

After Ronson somewhat unromantically described their fling as a "cliche" she returned to Will and they set up home in New York. But they split for good when she became homesick for the UK.

Daisy was soon linked to Charlie Fink, singer with the band Noah And The Whale, after she appeared in the band's 2009 music video for their song *The First Days of Spring*.

She had a short affair with Burberry model Tom Guinness before meeting actor Matt Smith at Coachella music festival in California in 2009.

However, hectic work schedules drove them apart and they split in 2011. Daisy then had short dalliances with Hurts



**PARENTS ...**  
Gavin and Pearl



# PROPERTY DEVELOPER AFTER CELEB FLINGS



**SEALED WITH  
A KISS . . .**  
snog then he  
proposes



**FRANKIE WADE**  
Fashion model

**MATT SMITH**  
Former Doctor Who actor

**HER EX-LOVES**

**DARIUS DANESH**  
Late Pop Idol star

# JACK PENATE

# THOMAS COHEN

# MARK RONSON

**DJ, songwriter and producer**

singer Theo Hutchcraft, Tyrone Wood – the son of Rolling Stone Ronnie – and rapper Tinie Tempah.

But her next serious fling came in 2016, with Thomas Cohen, the husband of her late pal Peaches Geldof, who died from a heroin overdose two years earlier.

She and Thomas grew close while supporting each other after the loss of Peaches, 25, who Daisy had been friends with for a decade.

## Corny things

It is not known why Daisy ditched dad-of-two Thomas but she had previously said she was not ready for children.

An appearance on *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2016 made Daisy a household name, and dates followed with models Frankie Wade and Cameron McMeikan, artist John Leigh and Pop Idol's Darius Danesh.

But true love still eluded her, though in an interview with GQ mag she spoke of her reluctance to use dating apps, saying: "There's this one called Raya that

is Tinder for celebrities. You have to do corny things like put a song to photos of yourself - Daisy likes pubs! Horse riding! Looks good in a bikini! It's all so mortifying.

"My male friend got matched with Courtney Love and if ever there's a reason not to be on those things, surely that's it."

Daisy's last boyfriend before finally settling down was hunky singer Jack Penate. They had been pals for ten years but a spark failed to ignite romantically.

Then, just when she least expected it, Daisy bumped into Jordan during that fateful dog walk.

Showbiz pals rushed to congratulate the couple on their wedding news, including Geordie Shore's Vicky Pattison and singer Jessie Ware, who

Hours later, Daisy showed off a

hours later, Daisy showed off a massive diamond engagement ring at actress Jaime Winstone's birthday party in London.

# TINIE TEMPAH

## Rapper and entrepreneur

# HARRY STYLES

**Hunky former One Directioner**

# THEO HUTCHCRAFT

Singer with the band Hurts



# FabDAILY

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**CARRIE JOHNSON** was the fresh-faced girlfriend of the new Prime Minister when she arrived at No.10 three years ago.

This week she departed Downing Street as Boris' wife, with two children in tow and a reputation as the first millennial style icon to occupy SW1.

And the 34-year-old even ticked this season's pink trend, too, with her farewell outfit.

**ABBY McHALE** charts the fashion favourites of the millennial girl in a political world.



**LAI  
BACK  
LUXE**



**HIGH  
STREET  
HERO**



**THE  
BEST OF  
BRITISH**

EVEN when she's off duty Carrie sticks to her millennial trademark style.

Seen here in July 2019 whilst out shopping in Notting Hill, she wore a pink tie dye T-shirt from & Other Stories, black skinny jeans (another favourite of this generation) and heeled sandals.

During the same shopping trip it seemed she was like any other 90s child, stopping at market stalls trying on neon bucket hats and joking around with friends in a hippie style top. Other off duty looks of hers include chunky boots, bobble hats and big sunglasses.

WHILE Gen Z – those born in the late 1990s and beyond – often shop at online-only brands, millennials (those aged between 26 and 41) grew up with the High Street.

And Carrie still likes to step out in her favourite brands, from an £85 & Other Stories dress she wore to Trooping The Colour last year, to a sell-out H&M dress costing just £24.99.

Last year, while pregnant with daughter Romy who is now nine months old, Carrie stepped out in a £59.99 red blazer and £27.99 blouse, both from Zara.

SHE has the pick of the bunch when it comes to brands, but Carrie has often stuck with British names like Rixo and Ghost – and during her No.10 farewell she wore a bright pink dress from Brit label Harmur.

But the most millennial of all British brands has got to be The Vampire's Wife – with the "It dress" loved by A-listers such as Jodie Comer, Florence Pugh and Princess Eugenie.

Carrie wore a black floral version of the statement sleeved frock, above, to the G7 summit in Cornwall last year, standing out as the only millennial spouse of the G7 nations.



# FROM No10...TO No1 MILLENNIAL



**A  
DREAM  
IN PINK**



**BOHO  
GIRL**



**HIRE  
AND  
HIGHER**



**SHE'S A  
SELLOUT**

HOT pink is huge right now, thanks to the new Barbie film starring Margot Robbie, but millennials have been flying the fuchsia flag for a few years.

And Carrie has made it her go-to since Boris took office. More recently, during a trip to Rwanda in June Carrie stepped out in this eye-catching Zara suit.

Pink is thought to symbolise love, kindness and femininity – attributes the mum-of-two would likely want to portray through her dress sense.

USUALLY Downing Street is full of stuffy suits and formal colour-block shift dresses (see the new Prime Minister), but Carrie's boho style breathed new life into politics.

When pregnant with their first child Wilf, Carrie wore this floaty, tiered dress from Anthropologie – so far from anything we would usually see in No10.

She's also been spotted in wellies with a midi dress, and an oversized flower crown on her wedding day.

MILLENNIALS are known for being eco-conscious – and Carrie is no different.

Many of her best looks have been from rental websites, most famously her wedding dress, above, from designer Christos Costarellos on My Wardrobe HQ for £45 a day. The dress retailed at £2,830.

She also rented most of her wardrobe for the G7 summit, including a blue Amanda Wakeley suit – that would have cost £990 to buy – for £21 a day.

LET'S face it, you can't be a fashion icon these days without whatever you've worn rapidly selling out online afterwards.

In 2019, when she was just known as Boris's girlfriend, the then 31-year-old wore a £120 floral dress from Ghost, above, that sold out almost immediately.

Since then, several of her outfits have had a similar fate, including her wedding dress, which was sold out within 24 hours.



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# Ross

## Unexpected morons in bagging area

(AS approved by Andy Jacobs from talkSPORT). The Chase: Celebrity Special, Bradley Walsh: "Pedestal, bladeless and ceiling are types of what electric cooling device?"  
 Laura Hamilton: "Fridge". Fastest Finger First, Anita Rani: "What's the

English equivalent of the French fashion term pret-a-porter?" Kayode: "Chicken".  
 The Chase, Bradley Walsh: "Which Scottish actor played Renton in the 2017 film T2 Trainspotting?"  
 Victoria: "Sean Connery".  
 And what a film that would've been.

BRITAIN'S most bitterly jealous comedian, Stewart Lee, being too right-on and cowardly to namecheck Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock in his meandering BBC2 snowflake diatribe about Netflix comedians.

ITV cancelling Tipping Point to follow Liz Truss's car down the A3212. AJ Odudu reacting with an incredible 53 "wows" in one episode of The Big Breakfast. Married At First

## Random irritations

Sight cringemongers expecting some reaction other than, "What? Are you mad?" when they tell their parents: "I'm marrying a complete stranger."

And Celebrity MasterChef nuisance Kitty Scott-Claus reminding us all that behind every camp, over-the-top drag queen there is an incredibly dull man struggling to stay hidden



TOUGH... Fatima

## IT'S WHO DARES WHINES

OVER on the new series of Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins, Channel 4 has dispatched another job lot of whining C-list deadweights to the Middle East, where they will be shoved out of helicopters, nudged off cliffs and ordered to beat each other senseless in the Jordanian desert.

An idea it's impossible to fault.

The eventual winner, of course, will be the first contestant who stops weeping with self-pity or realises it might be an idea to cut the sob stories after Fatima Whitbread

BEST answer of the week? Pop-Master, Ken Bruce: "Whose diary did Yazoo sing about on the duo's top three hit in 1983?"  
 Kelly: "Anne Frank."  
 SUNDAY With Laura Kuenssberg: "With me is Birmingham's finest, Joe Lycett." Finest what?

topped the lot with her "abandoned at birth" biog.

In the meantime, week one's milling bouts delivered some uncomfortable viewing and results.

Amber Gill and Fatima Whitbread wrestled each other to a standstill and were declared to have "drawn".

Jennifer Ellison was punched in the back of the head by Towie's Pete Wicks, who was declared "the winner".

And Calum Best dished out a savage beating to professional female boxer Shannon Courtenay, who refused to throw a single punch in her own defence and will probably be declared the next Metropolitan Police Commissioner, the way things are going.

Fear not, though, justice is at hand. On this week's episode, Pete Wicks successfully knocks himself unconscious. (Channel 4, Sunday, 9pm).

RE: Big Breakfast, Gemma Collins: "My wedding dress is going to be something that no one expects."  
 A medium?

# Have I Got News For You's Hislop is master of the C-word...cant



BO-GETTER... Boris on show and, below, bundling over child in 2015. Right, HIGNFY's Hislop and Merton

## Moral high ground

You'll quickly realise both tackles are so comically brilliant BBC1 could have played them on a loop for 30 minutes and it would still have been funnier and more unifying than anything its comedy unit could've concocted.

Sadly, though, the BBC is now too lost in its own indignation and bias to resist the temptation, so we were lumbered with Friday's Have I Got News For Boris, which actually kicked off with a decent joke from host Jack Dee: "Tonight we look at his career as a father, husband, journalist, Mayor of London, husband, Foreign Secretary, father, Prime Minister, father, husband and father."

If you thought comedy might win the night, though, your hopes would've been dashed by Jack's very next question: "What will we miss most about the Prime Minister?" which offered the teams two reasonable responses.

They could either be totally honest with themselves (see below), or they could try to be funny. Ian Hislop chose to do neither and instead delivered an "I told you so" lecture (the

lowest form of journalism) and the deadening verdict: "He was unfit for office, that's it, that's the story."

It was a moment that set the pattern for the rest of the night where, if ever Jack Dee or Phil Wang threatened to get a laugh, the show would be dragged back to the moral high ground by Hislop, who was infuriated by everything about Boris except, ironically enough, the role he played in his career, which seemed to tickle the insufferable little sod no end.

Seven times Boris appeared alongside Hislop on HIGNFY and it gave him the two things he needed to launch his

career, an audience and fame. Indeed, his ascent to the highest office in the land would probably have been impossible without the show.

The fact Hislop and Paul Merton remain rooted to the same tired old seats may go a long way to explaining the loathing displayed on Friday.

At about the same time Jack Dee dropped the C-word, though, I twigged it wasn't a Boris farewell at all, it was actually HIGNFY broadcasting its own obituary.

There's an argument, of course, that it died years ago, either with a 2015 episode when they failed to aim a single joke at guest Diane Abbott

and confirmed left-of-centre guests were now part of the gang rather than their potential victims, or the 2016 Brexit vote which turned the show into an offshoot of Question Time.

The final nail for me, though, was a November 2017 appearance by Jo Brand, who won politically correct applause for rebuking the sexism of the all-male panellists. Applause Ian Hislop has been chasing, like a pug out of a greyhound trap, ever since.

It's not entirely to blame for its own demise, obviously. The show's greatest curse is probably the BBC-driven woke revolution, which worships diversity in everything except

opinion, so you can now get exactly the same witless, predictable, right-on garbage from Zoe Lyons and Ayesha Hazarika as you get from James O'Brien and Nabil Abdulrashid.

HIGNFY is hardly unique in this respect.

Aggressively left-wing comedians/commentators are now across all formats and time-slots, as you will have noticed, on Sunday, if you saw Joe Lycett trampling all over Laura Kuenssberg's new BBC1 morning show or Stewart Lee denouncing Ricky Gervais, Chris Rock, Dave Chappelle and anyone else who dares to challenge comedy's new woke orthodoxy.

As HIGNFY is in the process of discovering, though, the trouble with the same vile, state-approved stand-ups hitting the same targets (Boris, Brexit and Jacob Rees-Mogg) in front of the same clap-happy London audience is that sooner or later, those of us who just want a laugh realise we're not wanted and stop watching.

With the ultimate irony here being, Boris Johnson is now the only person who could now temporarily revive HIGNFY's fortunes, in a guest hosting role.

What will it miss most about the former Prime Minister, though?

Absolutely bloody everything. Show's over.

## Great sporting insights

DARREN BENT: "Cornet makes it 2-2 to West Ham." Clinton Morrison: "I don't

watch football to watch it." Kris Boyd: "Going forward, Reece James can defend." (Compiled by Graham Wray)

## TV GOLD

HOLLYWOOD stars Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney falling in love with football on the brilliant Disney+ show Welcome To Wrexham.

Russell Howard discreetly looking at his watch at 10.26 on The Big Breakfast (only two and a half hours to go, pal).

Fatima Whitbread, 61, putting the tearful, self-obsessed young contestants to shame on Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins.  
 And SAS hero Mark "Billy"

Billingham tearing a strip off Amber Gill with a rant that began: "You ain't on f\*\*\*ing Love Egg Island now."

And if you're wondering where you can find Love Egg Island, it's in the Butt Plug Archipelago, three nautical miles from Dildo Delta.



● DIALOGUE of the week is culled from E4's Celebrity Cooking School, where Made In Chelsea's Sam Thompson is making an omelette.

Shaun Ryder, below: "I've got 'ens me, so I don't 'ave them out of a fookin' box."

Sam: "You've got 'ens? What's 'ens?"

"They lay fookin' eggs."

'Ens... 'ENS.

"'Ens? What's 'ens?"

Shaun (Flapping arms):

"Buck-buck-buck-buck. Fookin' 'ens."

"Ohhhh! Hens."

And that, I'm afraid, is where my interest in this show 'ens.

● TELLY quiz. Where was Simon Reeve, BBC2's relentlessly woke host of its Americas series, sitting when he said the following last week?

"Evidence of climate change was all around me. A powerful argument for leaving oil in the ground."

A) In a Brazilian yurt?

B) In a Californian ecolodge?

Or the correct answer, C) In a sodding helicopter above the Arctic, after getting transferred from his private light aircraft?

● GREAT TV lies and delusions of the month. Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins, Pete Wicks: "I don't like talking about me."

Celebrity MasterChef, Kitty Scott-Claus: "I am amazing, I know that and now the rest of the world knows it."

Are You The One? UK, Joshy: "I'm like a lasagne, 'cos 'man like Joshy' has many layers."

Try panettone cake. 'Cos 'man like Joshy' has yeast for brains.

## lookalike of the week



THIS week's winner is Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and Finis Everglot from Corpse Bride. Sent in by Ethel Earnest.  
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# Something

MOVIES GAMES MUSIC BOOKS

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# Weekend

By JACQUI SWIFT

## MOST musicians do not want to talk about hitting middle age and making way for the next generation.

But for third solo album *Midpoint*, Tom Chaplin was only too happy to tackle the midlife questions that had cropped up for him during the pandemic.

Sitting in the garden of the Keane singer's Kent home, Chaplin, 43, says: "There was a lot of self-reflection during the pandemic and I wondered if anyone had written an honest record about the approach of midlife."

"A lot of questions that pop up are scary and in music it's a world that encourages people to try and stay at a certain place or age. The truth is if you stay in that place or try to stay young, it looks a bit tragic."

"You've got to be true to yourself. And that's what inspired *Midpoint*."

Chaplin's journey to his own midpoint has been tumultuous. The singer has battled with drug addiction in the past but today he is in a good place and hasn't had a drink or drug for eight years.

And you can see how happy his family life is. As we chat, Chaplin's wife Nat pops in with their adorable two-year-old toddler Gabriel, while Glorious the golden doodle demands attention before lying down as we start our interview.

Did Chaplin's own "midlife crisis" influence his decision to appear on ITV show *The Masked Singer* as Poodle?

"Ha! what an experience that was," he says. "It was so stressful not to tell anyone and even my daughter Freya, who is eight, didn't know it was me."

"Saturday night TV is scary but I'm glad I did it. I thought it was fun and my Keane bandmates laughed about it too."

## 'I felt restless'

One central theme of *Midpoint* is letting go and living in the now. Chaplin says: "I know of people saying they want to spend more time in the pub in a desperate attempt to go back to something that is gone when you have to accept it's gone."

"A lot of people act on whatever they're feeling before they've had a chance to think about it. That to me is the classic 'midlife crisis'."

"A part of reaching midlife is mourning the loss of your youth and that's what I've tried to explore on this album."

Chaplin reunited with Keane in 2018, following a five-year hiatus. They returned with fifth album *Cause And Effect* and enjoyed a No2 hit and sell-out tours.

Chaplin says life in Keane is good again now the band are older and able to put their differences aside.

That was until the pandemic interrupted their tour – and while Chaplin was at home, he started thinking about another solo

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the BIG  
INTERVIEW

# TOM CHAPLIN

Picture: DEREK HUDSON

album. "I felt restless," he admits. "But once I started writing and dipping my toe in the water there was an energy. But lyrically the songs were quite vague. Then I wrote the song *Midpoint* and that unlocked something."

"I was also doing a lot of online therapy, asking questions about the changes in my life. The changes that come with midlife are rarely discussed. It's seen as uncool and quite scary."

"I needed to push myself. Keane is very familiar and everything is ingrained. We know the songs and when we play live it's a celebration. Making this album was more of a challenge."

*Midpoint* is impressive. A stunning album of honest and heartfelt songs which are brought to life by Chaplin's incredible, emotive voice. The record shows Chaplin's talents outside of Keane.

*Gonna Run*, *All Fall Down*, *Overshoot* and *Black Hole* – which features the giggles of Chaplin's son Gabriel – are all thoughtful and gentle.

The album resonates with tender introspection and hard-won wisdom set to beautiful piano lines.

## 'Chequered past'

"I like the fact that *Black Hole* is jaunty, a quite jolly-sounding piece of music with this dark musing about your own mortality and the mystery of life," he says.

"The drums are almost like a death march. I really liked the contrast of those two things, and Ethan Johns, the producer, really wanted to go to town and make the contrast as big as possible. So that was the reason for getting Gabriel on it."

Working with Paul McCartney, Kings Of Leon and Tom Jones' producer was an education for Chaplin, who had wanted to take a different approach to making an album from his usual experience.

"He has a very clear vision of how he wants to do things," he says. "Ethan cuts the tracks live and so it's all about what happens in the room and what you get when you play live."

"It's all about the magic thing that happens in the studio space in between the whole band."

"To work in that way was phenomenal. To feel that backing from him was so important as he's an amazing producer. He's very intense. He's a lovely man and he doesn't suffer fools."

He adds with a laugh: "Obviously there were downsides to working with a character like Ethan too. Ethan works very much outside of the realms of where the industry is at right now."

"But I'm not sure that's even a downside. I feel like I've made a record that doesn't sound like anything else at this point in time."

Lyrically there is no holding back, with Chaplin opening up about difficult times in his personal life.

"*Rise And Fall* is partly a reference to my chequered past," says the singer.

"I used to live with these extremes of high and low and there's something quite intoxicating about it."

"When we go on tour these days, I find I'm worried about coping with the dynamic of being in front of all these people."

"Nowadays, I really have to make it a laugh on stage. There's

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## the BIG FILM

SAOIRSE RONAN and Sam Rockwell breathe fresh life into the buddy cop format in Agatha Christie-inspired farce *See How They Run*.



## the BIG GAME

MAGICAL and extremely strange, murder mystery game *Immortality* is a treat if you like your play time more like a TV show.



## the BIG BOXSET

THERE have been many Blondie compilations, but *Against All Odds 1974-1982* tops the lot – and includes 36 unreleased demos.



## the BIG READ

WAS her mother's lover the real serial killer? Sophie is about to find out in Victoria Selman's gripping thriller *Truly Darkly Deeply*.





**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW****From previous page**

a very powerful energy to it which, if you're not careful, can really do terrible things to your ego."

Chaplin, who hit rock bottom and nearly lost everything through his drug abuse, wrote about his journey to sobriety on his debut solo album, 2016's *The Wave*.

Midpoint's first single, *Gravitational*, is about his love for his family and is accompanied by a poignant film featuring Irish actress Niamh Cusack.

Chaplin says: "However far away you go from what you know, what you love and what you've built, for me there's always a desire to get back to that bubble of love."

"The song has cosmic metaphors in it about being far from home. When I got well from my drug use, I could see how close I was to losing that love and my family."

"I said to myself that if I don't pop my clogs with this I'm definitely going back to really try with my family. I had to make it work."

New *Flowers* is a song that Chaplin wrote about his love for his children and how important it is to spend time with them as they grow up.

**'Classic songs'**

He says: "That song is about acceptance and saying I want to enjoy Freya and Gabriel's childhood. I still want to get out on the road, but not do it for months on end and be that absentee parent."

"It makes me feel sick even thinking back about the first year of Freya's life – I wasn't there."

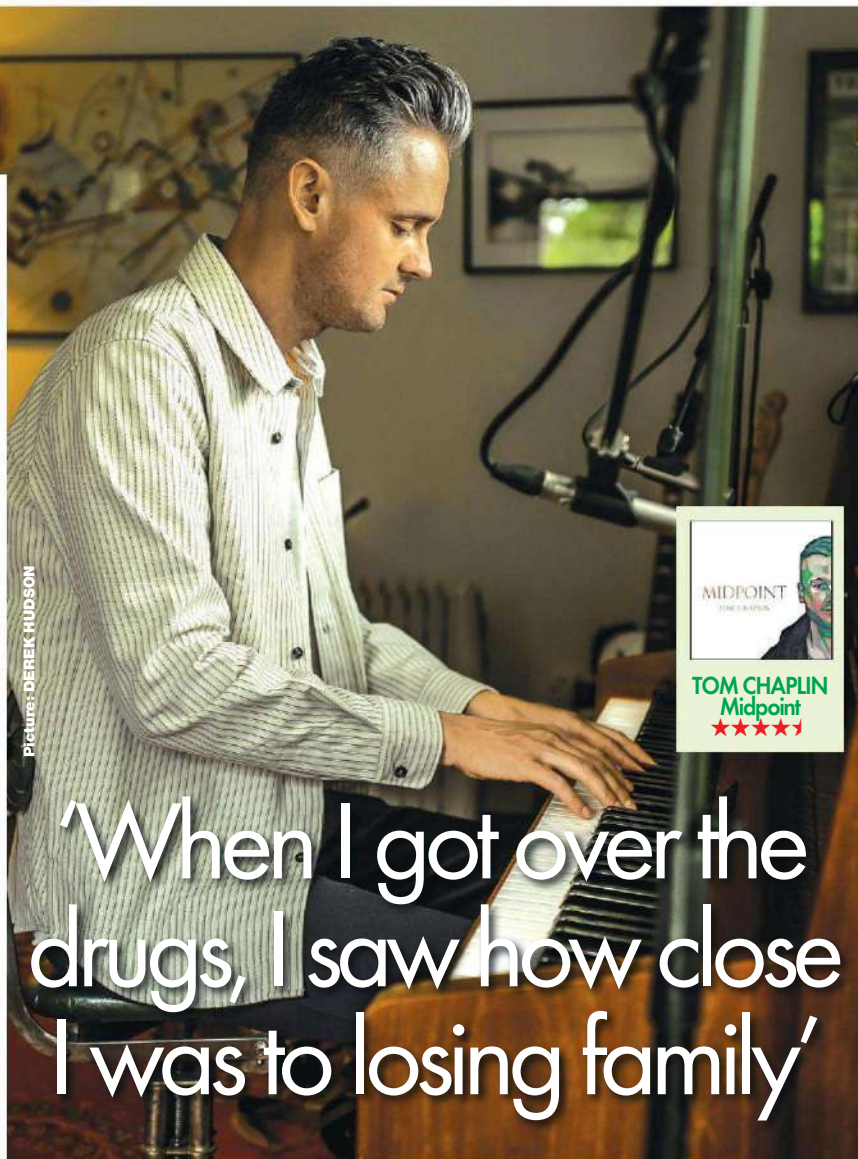
"And even now, if I know I'm going to be going away for weeks at a time I still worry about the strain or confusion that's going to give the kids because they're so used to seeing me about."

"I've got a close relationship with them and I don't ever, ever want them to feel pressured to come into my world and seeing me in that space. That's why I am still wary of letting Freya come to shows or events and see me in this other world away from being just her dad."

Chaplin says one of the topics he wanted to write about on *Midpoint* was ambition. On dreamy song *Stars Align*, he sings about making it and how his goals in music have changed over the years.

He says: "Ambition is often seen as going in one direction – up and up. The danger of that is you miss the little opportunities that come along in life."

"Stars Align is about embracing spontaneity and seeing



Picture: DEREK HUDSON

# When I got over the drugs, I saw how close I was to losing family'

what opportunities come along and seeing where the energy is.

"Success to me now is to be able to keep doing this as a living. I want to make albums that mean something to me and are not just about sales."

"We were on holiday in Portugal in March and put David Gray's *White Ladder* on in the car. What a brilliant record."

"There's some five or six genuinely classic songs. He was at the peak of his powers of songwriting on that record and it made me wonder if I've got a *White Ladder* in me. You can't really plan for that and I

just want to keep having that outlet of making albums and playing live."

"Tim, Richard and Jesse from Keane have been lovely about me making this album. Will we make another album? I don't know as I don't want to make one just for the sake of it."

"We have some other stuff coming up so let's see what happens. Without me, Keane isn't a thing but I have to want to make music for the right reasons."

Next month, Chaplin begins his solo UK tour and is looking forward to getting back on the road. He says: "I loved

everything about making this album and didn't want it to end. When it did end, I just knew I wanted to do this again and that's what I'm aiming for."

"I never take things for granted any more, and even though this job can be stressful at times, I am thankful for this opportunity and making this record and coming so far."

"I'm not saying that I've reached this zen point of enlightenment and everything's super easy."

"You have to work at things to make that happen and I'm not afraid to do that."

●The album *Midpoint* is out now.



## THE AMAZONS

THE Amazons' third album, *How Will I Know If Heaven Will Find Me?*, was written in lockdown and is a celebration of freedom. It has a joyous, anthemic feel that has been going down a storm at festivals.

Singer Matt Thomson tells JACQUI SWIFT about being optimistic in dark times and how it took Covid for the band to realise they had something special.

**HOW has this album moved on from your previous two?**

The decisions we've made, whether on a songwriting or production level, are better. We are better equipped now to express ourselves authentically.

**How did Covid lockdowns affect writing this album?**

The most profound effect was the logistics. For a lot of the writing we simply couldn't be together in the same room. That put more focus on me getting the lyrics and melody right before I shared with the rest of the band.

**What inspired the thought-provoking album title?**

It's the first line of the first chorus of the first song. We've never had a title that frames the record in the way this does.

**You've said this is your most joyous album – why?**

At this point, the only truly subversive thing to do is provide an alternative to the doomscroll. That's not to diminish the issues of our time, I just think our audience are more than aware. Heroes by David Bowie is one of my favourite songs because, in the shadow of the Berlin Wall, an ultimate symbol of division, he managed to create a song so beautiful and defiant.

**Tell us about collaborating with Maggie Rogers.**

We met Maggie at Glastonbury in 2017. She's a great friend and a total creative force. I was stuck on this idea for months and asked how she would approach the chorus. She straight away came up with this beautiful, emotive melody and it was like she'd kicked the walls down and shown me the path to the rest of the song.

**The pandemic was an important time for reflection – what did you learn about yourself?**

It was confirmation that making music and performing live makes me feel alive. Nothing like having something taken away to truly understand its value in your life.

**Northern Star is a touching acoustic number – is it important to show your different sides?**

It's what makes me excited about this band. That song in particular was one of a few I wrote and sent to my girlfriend during lockdown. It wasn't originally meant for the band at all. We haven't typically written songs that vulnerable. It was only through her encouragement that I shared it with the band, who loved it and said they wanted to work on it.

**You moved to Brighton as you started the album. How has your new home city played a part in your writing?**

I've loved living in Brighton. I wrote a lot of the record in an attic in a neighbourhood called Seven Dials, accompanied by a couple of seagulls. We didn't get on. I was lucky to have my own space to take the time to write.

**How was it supporting Royal Blood earlier this year?**

It was overwhelming. We had to relearn all our tricks of the trade to stay healthy on the road but it was ultimately the most incredible experience. We're so grateful to the guys for bringing us out. (Singer) Mike Kerr is teetotal now so (drummer) Ben Thatcher enlisted our help with the tequila every night. We'd finish our set and he'd be in the dressing room, grinning and holding shot glasses.

**How have the new tracks gone down live?**

They've been great. It's what they were designed for. The community and spirit of a live show. We've never wanted an "us and them" type thing with our live performances, it's a shared experience.

**How are friendships within the band after three albums?**

It sounds trivial but we never used to hug before the lockdown. It's such a basic thing but it took a long pause and a bit of growing up to appreciate the bond we have.

**What have been your festival highlights this year?**

All of them. We've been waiting for so long for this summer and it hasn't disappointed. I think the tour in October is going to be a new chapter. We're experimenting with new ways of performing for us. I want the show to have a more narrative feel. It's an opportunity for us to tell the story of the record in real time for the audience.

■How Will I Know If Heaven Will Find Me? is out today

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



BLONDIE AMBITION... Debbie Harry and band in 1979

IF Carlsberg did box sets... then look no further than this spectacular addition to the format.

There have been numerous Blondie compilations over the years but none that tackle New York's new wave darlings in such fascinating fashion.

Lovingly created with the involvement of all seven past and present members, including, of course, co-founders Debbie Harry and Chris Stein, it's available in various editions depending on how deep you want to dive.

They've charted six studio albums, the punky self-titled 1976 debut, *Plastic Letters* (1977), the all-time classic *Parallel Lines* (1978), *Eat To The Beat* (1979), *Autoamerican* (1980) and *The Hunter* (1982).

Apart from the sparkling sound, the real fascination lies in the

### BLONDIE

Against All Odds 1974-82

bonus material which serves as a parallel history of the band's heyday.

Some of it is rare B-sides or single mixes and then there are 36 previously unreleased demos and outtakes largely drawn from Stein's personal collection.

As far back as 1974, Blondie had the bare bones of *Heart Of Glass* on a track they called *Once Had A Love*.

Blondie's success owes much to the winning combination of a striking frontwoman with bags of attitude and a rich seam of melodic pop and rock gold.

They made it *Against The Odds* in the febrile, scuzzy but vibrant *Big Apple* scene and this set does them full justice. ★★★★★ SC





**sftw** MOVIES**TOP 5 FILMS THIS WEEK**

1. Minions 2: The Rise Of Gru
  2. DC League Of Super-Pets
  3. Top Gun Maverick
  4. Bullet Train
  5. Spider-Man: No Way Home
- Chart from [britinfo.net](http://britinfo.net)

**BOOKS**

Edited by  
**NATASHA HARDING**

PUT a group of spoiled, rich kids on drugs in an isolated mansion in a storm and what have you got?

A murder mystery in which the departure of just about every victim is a blessed relief.

These young Americans are playing a guess-the-killer game called Bodies, Bodies, Bodies when one of the party dies from a neck wound. After that it's every paranoid coke-snorter for themselves.

This whodunnit horror – starring ex-Saturday Night Live comedian Pete Davidson and The Hate U Give's Amandla Stenberg – is a totally different beast to See How They Run, below.

It's angry not Agatha, with the cast screaming at each other about some imagined slight at every turn.

If you don't know terms such as "ghosted" or "ableist" a lot of the sly script



**BODIES BODIES BODIES**  
(15) 94mins ★★★

is likely to go over your head. That won't worry director Halina Reijn, whose hip soundtrack is so obviously aiming for a young crowd.

The problem is, the louder the cacophony of self-pity

grows, the more Bodies, Bodies, Bodies becomes boring, boring, boring.

But it's worth sticking around for the neat twist at the end.

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THERE are many harsh descriptions a critic can use, such as clichéd, hammy or just plain c\*\*p.

But one of the worst put-downs, which applies to I Used To Be Famous, is "well-meaning".

Deadpool actor Ed Skrein plays washed-up boyband star Vinnie D who hopes for one more chance at the big time when autistic teenage drummer Stevie jams with him on a London street.

The Netflix film, which is released first in cinemas today, should be applauded for casting Leo Long, who is both autistic and a musician in real life, as Stevie.

Unfortunately, the banal, "don't hold me back, Mum" messaging and depiction of Stevie as a loner probably aren't going to help the neurodiverse community.

I Used To Be Famous would be much better if Leo's likeable character was



**I USED TO BE FAMOUS**  
(15) 104 mins ★★

the focus of this story and allowed to develop more dimensions. Instead, he takes a back seat to Skrein's "misunderstood" pop star.

The lesson we're asked to learn from this plodding tale

is that being famous isn't everything.

Which should be a relief for writer/director Eddie Sternberg, because if he makes any more inoffensive duffers like this he won't be.

**TRULY DARKLY DEEPLY**

Victoria Selman, £14.99

**WHEN** Amelia-Rose moves to London from the US with her daughter Sophie, she meets the charismatic Matty Melgren.

But as her relationship with him breaks down, a serial killer begins targeting young women who look like Amelia-Rose.

Matty is imprisoned for the killings but, 20 years later and at death's door, he writes to Sophie wanting to meet. She then embarks on a quest to find the truth.

Utterly gripping, a breathless thriller.

★★★★  
**JONATHAN WHITE LAW**

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

**ONE OF OUR MINISTERS IS MISSING**

Alan Johnson, £20

**GOVERNMENT** minister Lord Bellingham vanishes on a holiday in Crete.

Met Police Assistant Commissioner Louise Mangan is sent to liaise with Captain Petros Diamantapoulis.

But the search is complicated by rivalries within the Greek police. Meanwhile, Lady Bellingham has secrets, so does their nanny. And a tabloid scandal is brewing.

Written by former Labour MP Johnson, this crime caper has more layers than a filo pastry.

★★★★  
**BILL TODD**

**NO PLACE FOR MONSTERS**

Kory Merritt, £7.99

**AFTER** a stressful move from the big city to the suburban town of Cowslip Grove, Levi struggles to make friends.

That is until he meets wild Kat, who has a keen eye for mayhem.

In this fast-moving thriller, the unlikely pair soon discover creatures of the night that only they can see.

With hair-raising disappearances that are left unexplained, they embark on a mission to save "the disappeared".

★★★★  
**ZAK HOPE**

**GIRL FRIENDS**

Holly Bourne, £16.99

**FERN** and Jessica were best mates as teenagers, with an intense friendship that was their life line.

However, when Jessica did something unforgivable, Fern cut her off.

Ten years later, Fern has all she ever wanted and rarely thinks about her former friend. So when Jessica reappears, she is unsure about rekindling their friendship.

Has she changed and learnt from her mistakes?

An incredible read about friendship, choices and the importance of seeing things from another person's perspective.

★★★★



# Dulcie Pearce

AT THE MOVIES

**AGATHA CHRISTIE'S The Mousetrap** has been on stage for 70 years – and some of the jokes in this comedy based on the famous whodunnit are just as old.

But See How They Run proves that those tried and trusted tricks for making audiences laugh still work.

Saoirse Ronan and Sam Rockwell play two police officers investigating a murder committed during the celebration of The Mousetrap's 100th show in 1953.

The buddy cop duo is, of course, a format more well worn than a beat officer's shoe leather. But Ronan and Rockwell's impeccable comic timing ensures that it never wears thin.

**Laughing out loud**

The Irish actress's Constable Stalker is a bright-eyed and overly enthusiastic newcomer totally at odds with her partner, Inspector Stoppard, who only speaks when entirely necessary.

You can feel Stoppard's excruciating pain as she prattles on.

Director Tom George (who also directed sitcom This Country) realises that all good gags need to be repeated and repeated until the audience can't help laughing out loud.

Ronan using the phrase "I'm jumping to conclusions again, aren't I?" every time her green-behind-the-ears constable feels certain she's found the killer just gets



**SEE HOW THEY RUN**  
(12A) 96 mins ★★★★★

funnier and funnier. Better known for her serious roles, such as in Brooklyn, the actress proves that she's equally strong in comedy.

Three Billboards star Rockwell, whose previous comic appearances include in

Jojo Rabbit, proves he can mix it up as well.

Unfortunately, he is not always able to pull off the pratfalls. When it comes to slapstick, he's more Marks & Spencer than Frank Spencer.

A bit more time spent working on his London accent would have been welcome, too.

The strong supporting cast, which includes Adrien Brody,

David Oyelowo and Ruth Wilson, all get into the spirit of hamming things up.

There are occasional nods to modern comedy, but See How They Run is largely an unashamed farce.

While it's certainly nowhere near as sharp as rival whodunnit Knives Out, the old-fashioned charm makes up for the shortcomings.

**GRANT ROLLINGS**

**CREAM OF THE COP...**  
Ronan and Rockwell as police officers

**FILM NEWS**

● **BENEDICT** Cumberbatch joins Jodie Comer in thriller *The End We Start From*.

● **RYAN** Gosling's partner Eve Mendes is happy "home with the kids" and won't be returning to acting.

● **SUICIDE** Squad's Joel Kinnaman is teaming up with Nicolas Cage in thriller *Sympathy For The Devil*.

## sftw DJ PLAYLIST

With **THEMBA**

**THEMBA** might be a new name to many, but the talented South African DJ/producer has been enjoying a meteoric rise over the last few years.

He has performed around the world at the biggest venues such as Hï Ibiza, Zouk Las Vegas and Blue Marlin in Ibiza.

Now currently in the middle of his own Ibiza residency, Colours at Club Chinois in

Ibiza, we caught up with him this week and he talked us through a playlist featuring his top ten African tracks to coincide with his Heritage EP release, featuring Zombie feat Fela Kuti & Afrika 70 that came out last week on Armada Music.

Head over to [thesun.co.uk/music](http://thesun.co.uk/music) to listen and read what he had to say about each track he's selected.

**MARK GWINNETT**

**GAMES**

Edited by  
**DEREK BROWN**

**IMMORTALITY** is the strangest game I've played in a long time.

It's a movie, or rather three movies, from three eras featuring the same actress who has mysteriously gone missing.

The gaming experience itself is a murder mystery/ find the hidden object game wrapped up in a beautiful interface of movie clips.

I was bewildered for around an hour and then some pennies dropped and

**IMMORTALITY**  
Xbox/PC/iOS – £15.49 ★★★★★

it all became quite magical. It's a bit sexy in parts so don't sit down to play it with the kids (I did, and my son was delighted).

The closest gaming experience I can think of is maybe Bandersnatch on Netflix, but it's much better.

If you want your gaming experiences to be a bit more like TV then this is a must.





# puzzles

**We've got all your favourite brain teasers**

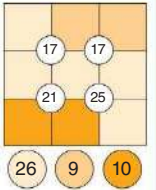
## BRAINBUSTER

Change one letter in each set and rearrange them to make five words with a common theme:

DUNP; BRUIAR; STRAYER;  
KEAK; VORRURIES

## SUKO®

Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals below.



PAGE 2 **SUJIKO SOLUTION:** Top line 415 middle 329 bottom 867

## TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

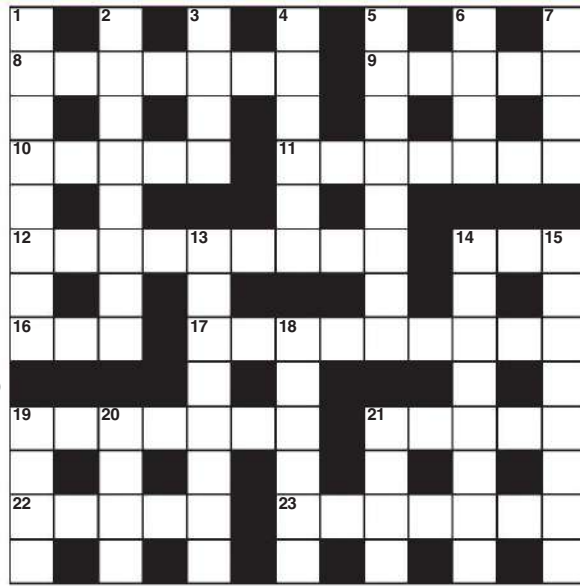
### Cryptic clues

#### ACROSS

- 8 Endless ale drunk entertaining bird (7)
- 9 Monk astride large beast (5)
- 10 Some Dublin troops opening passage (5)
- 11 Love on flipping stormy night (7)
- 12 You'd be a fool to wear this (6,3)
- 14 Vehicle in Belgium and America (3)
- 16 Eggs used in Euro-elections (3)
- 17 Old PM happy one around street (9)
- 19 Airmen shot rook and seaman (7)
- 22 Scholar to witter interminably (5)
- 21 Returning chef in kitchen needs this (5)
- 23 What's saved fifty in wild surroundings (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Shed inhibitions to perplex! (8)
- 2 10 in scene edited in time (8)
- 3 Defeat in round one (4)
- 4 Docs here in charge after Kay leaves prison (6)
- 5 Supply at sea around a ton for animal (8)
- 6 Island in tribal Indonesia (4)
- 7 Nature god initially got hunger reminder (4)
- 13 Mastermind running riot in Greene (8)
- 14 Bully in trouble after fracas in B&B (8)
- 15 Example scene with imp dancing (8)
- 18 Apprehend a killer at last, then relax (6)
- 19 Shark in kilos Chinese statesman devours (4)
- 20 Artist, popular, brings bad weather (4)
- 21 Lore rubbish in part (4)



### Coffee time

#### ACROSS

- 8 Immortal (7)
- 9 Andean ruminant (5)
- 10 Preamble (5)
- 11 Zero (7)
- 12 School idiot's hat (6,3)
- 14 Public vehicle (3)
- 16 Fish spawn (3)
- 17 Victorian statesman (9)
- 19 Seafarer (7)
- 21 Synagogue official (5)
- 22 Sharp cutlery item (5)
- 23 Reclaim (7)

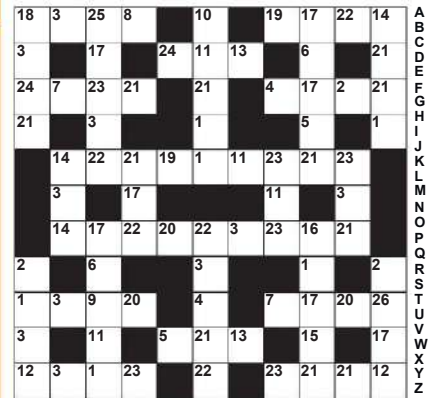
#### DOWN

- 1 Confuse (8)
- 2 Jail term (8)
- 3 Cancel (4)
- 4 Medical centre (6)
- 5 Duck-billed creature (8)
- 6 Indonesian resort (4)
- 7 Sharp pain (4)
- 13 Design and build (8)
- 14 Intimidate (8)
- 15 Studied sample (8)
- 18 Stop (6)
- 19 Hammerhead cousin (4)
- 20 Showery forecast (4)
- 21 Portrayal (4)

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

Purchase the latest Sun Puzzle Books, including crosswords, wordsearches & sudoku, for as little as £4.99 from the HarperCollins website harpercollins.co.uk or phone 0141 306 3100

## WORD WORKOUT



THIS is the world's best brain teaser. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 5 is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 5. All the alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. We will print the answers tomorrow.  
YESTERDAY - ACROSS: Abyss, Quip, Heel, Enemy, Sip, Tin, Polo, Wage, Ioylic, Shed, Tide, Mud, Tor, Admit, Skim, Omen, Puffy. DOWN: Audio, Ape, Shy, Rejig, Exclaim, Spasm, Piled, Tacit, Never, Odd, Wit, Husky, Dozen, Amp, Toy.

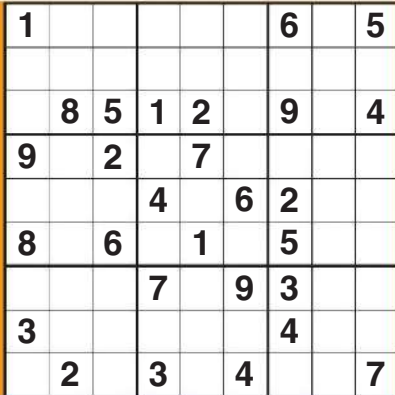
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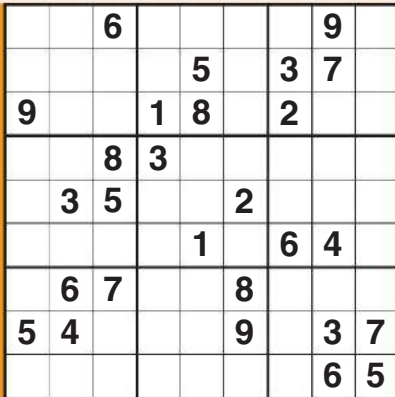
### TODAY'S TEASER

CALL 0905 757 0156 FOR CLUES OR SOLUTION (£1PM)



### TODAY'S TOUGHIE

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Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary).  
Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm).  
Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

## WORDSEARCH

Find seven types of bear. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution below.



NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2020 was 67%



## THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a model and media personality:



- 5 & 8 Mr Borgnine, Marty actor (first two letters of forename)
- 1 & 7 Star of Dark Angel and Sin City
- 4 & 3 Punk and new wave legend who fronted The Blockheads
- 6 & 9 Swimmer who won seven gold medals at the 1976 Olympics
- 10 & 2 Jimmy, union leader whose disappearance features in The Irishman (first two letters of surname)

● Yesterday: Presenter DANI BEHR (Halle Berry, Nat (King Cole), Armando Iannucci, Emma Roberts, Dave). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.  
■ If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, just call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge.

## 30-SEC NUMBERCRUNCH

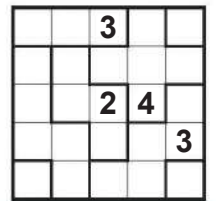
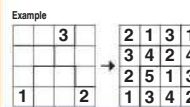
HERE is our fantastic puzzle, the 30-second NumberCrunch. There's no better way to keep your brain trained than playing our great teasers. So if you want to stay ahead of the game, you will love this challenge.

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't reach for your calculator - that would be cheating! Write your final answer in the last box of the line. You should be aiming to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck!

BEGINNER	29	+ 160	÷ 7	- 18	× 8	- 24	Half of it	+ 222	÷ 6	- 29	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	89	+ 400	Third of it	+ 189	÷ 11	+ 72	3/4 of it	- 69	× 5	+ 76	ANSWER
ADVANCED	661	- 385	5/6 of it	+ 4756	50% of it	- 1146	Third of it	+ 1693	÷ 9	- 169	ANSWER

## SUGURU®

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3; and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below.



## SUNDIAL



SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals.

Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: 27. EXCELLENT: 23. GOOD: 17. GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: 12.

YESTERDAY: Deed, deep, deign, deigned, denied, depend, died, dine, dined, edge, edged, ended, ending, engined, indeed, need, needing, pending, penned, pied, pinned, pinned, DEPENDING.

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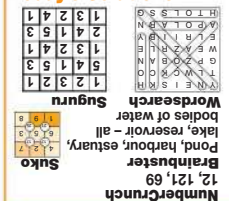
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**Two-Speed Crossword**  
ACROSS: 1 A-gate, 4 A-mateur, 8 Organic, 9 Argon, 10 For-etaste, 11 R-o-o, 12 Blaze-r, 14 Deafen, 17 Sue, 19 Block-head, 22 Manor, 23 Lea-the-r, 24 Nois-o-m-e, 25 Early. DOWN: 1 Alloo-f, 2 Algeria, 3 Ernst, 4 Ac-c-ess, 5 Ac-adem-e, 6 Eager, 7 Run-down, 12 Best-man, 13 E-mb-argo, 15 Fresher, 16 G-o-alle, 18 E-n-n-u-i, 20 Knave, 21 Derby.

### Today's Solutions





# OWN A SHARE IN A RACEHORSE

**GREAT GIFT IDEA**
**OWNERS GROUP**
**183 WINS SO FAR**


## SANDALWOOD (Jumps) Trainer: Paul Nicholls, Somerset.

Sandalwood is a five-year-old chesnut gelding by Martaline, who has produced some excellent jumpers, including dual Grade 1 winner Dynaste, and high-class hurdler Agrapart. Sandalwood made a good impression when finishing second in a bumper [Flat race for jumps horses] at Newton Abbot in March. He has enjoyed a good summer at EquiPrep and is now back in training with Paul Nicholls. Paul is planning to send Sandalwood novice hurdling this season, and is hopeful that he will show further improvement over staying trips. He will also hopefully go chasing in time.

Sandalwood is in training with Paul Nicholls in Somerset, who has been the champion jumps trainer on 13 occasions.

**Total shares: 4,000 £35 per share Syndicate term ends: 1 September 2023.**



## KILLALOOAN (Jumps) Trainer: Paul Nicholls, Somerset.

Killalooan is a four-year-old bay gelding by Fastnet Rock. He is a full-brother to the useful Jaega, who was Listed and Group-placed on the Flat for Dermot Weld.

Killalooan is yet to run in Owners Group colours, but he showed a decent level of form on the Flat in Ireland for his previous connections. He was bought by Owners Group to go hurdling and Paul Nicholls is hopeful that this good-looking gelding can make his mark in novice hurdles this winter. He had a wind operation this summer.

Killalooan is in training with Paul Nicholls in Somerset, who has been the champion jumps trainer on 13 occasions.

**Total shares: 2,000 £48 per share Syndicate term ends: 1 September 2023.**



## DIDEROT (Flat) Trainer: James Ferguson, Newmarket.

Diderot is a four-year-old bay gelding by Bated Breath, a proven and consistent sire of Group-class winners. Diderot is a half-brother to four winners, including Grade 3 winner in America, Grand Jete, while his full-brother is the five-time winner, Sfumato. Diderot won his first race in Owners Group colours at the beginning of the year and was subsequently placed in a couple of competitive handicaps and a conditions stakes on the all-weather. The current plan is for him to return to training at the end of the summer before being prepared for an all-weather campaign over the winter.

Diderot is in training with James Ferguson in Newmarket. James has enjoyed an excellent start to his fledgling training career.

**Total shares: 3,750 £34 per share Syndicate term ends: 1 August 2023.**

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**OWNERS GROUP**

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Killalooan	£48	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diderot	£34	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are purchasing shares as a gift for someone else, please enclose: 1. The name & address of the recipient. 2. Whether the welcome pack should be sent to you or the recipient. 3. The date that we should start sending magazines directly to the recipient.

**Please make cheques/Postal Orders payable to 'Owners Group'.**

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£190million deal... McColl's

## HURDLES TO SAVING McCOLL'S

THE competition watchdog has decided MORRISONS' takeover of McCOLL'S convenience stores in July raised concerns in 35 local areas.

But it said if the supermarket can resolve the issues, the merger will get the green light.

The Competition and Markets Authority said the £190million deal will "not harm the vast majority of shoppers or other businesses".

US private equity firm CLAYTON, DUBILIER & RICE, parent company of 800-strong petrol forecourt giant MFG, splashed out £7billion on Morrisons last year.

The Bradford-based supermarket chain then agreed to buy McColl's in a rescue deal in May after the retailer collapsed into administration. That deal attracted the attention of the watchdog over concerns it could reduce competition.

Morrisons has five working days to submit proposals to ease these concerns.

## SHARES

**BARCLAYS**  
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down 4.44 at 117.56  
**NATWEST**  
up 2.35 at 255.75  
**ROYAL MAIL**  
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down 3.21 at 203.79  
**SHELL**  
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**TESCO**  
down 1.83 at 247.47

## HOME HOLIDAY FAVOURED

TWO out of three people have taken their main holiday in the UK this year, hotel chain TRAVELODGE have claimed.

One in five felt it was too pricey to go abroad, with many still fearing airport delays, a company survey found.

The warm summer weather also encouraged staycations.

Travelodge spokeswoman Shakila Ahmed said: "More Britons are exploring hidden holiday gems on their doorstep than ever before."

## GKN BROKEN UP

MELROSE INDUSTRIES is spinning off the GKN AUTOMOTIVE business it bought in a £8billion takeover in 2018.

It will see GKN – one of Britain's oldest engineering firms – broken up, with the automotive business separated from its aerospace arm, which

it will retain. The demerged company will aim to start trading next year.

AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould said the move "will create a business well-positioned to pursue consolidation in a car-making sector which is in a state of flux".

THE number of impersonation scams on WhatsApp has doubled this year, says LLOYDS BANK. Victims are now losing £1,610 on average, the bank said of the fraud, where crooks impersonate relatives who say they need help paying a bill.

## SCHNAPPED UP

ARCHERS, the peach schnapps which became the fastest-growing drinks brand after its launch in the late 80s, has been flogged by drinks giant DIAGEO to its Dutch rival DE KUYPER ROYAL DISTILLERS.

Diageo said the sale was

due to the brand's limited performance and future prospects.

John Kennedy, president of the firm's Europe division, said the company is focused "towards opportunities that will maximise growth over the long-term".



## WAGA IN REHEAT

HUNGRY diners returned to help WAGAMAMA owner THE RESTAURANT GROUP back to profit.

The group, which also owns FRANKIE & BENNY'S and BARBURRITO, piled up a £10.2million profit in the last six months after being hit by a £19.9million loss over the period last year.

And sales almost doubled to £423.4million – up from £216.8million a year earlier as customers returned following the lifting of Covid rules.

Chief executive Andy Hornby said: "Wagamama continued to have strong growth and we still have room for more restaurants. It's all very positive."



## FAST-FASHION FIRM VOWS FREEZE ON PRICES

# STEPPING UP TO THE PRIMARK

By **SIMON READ**

**PRIMARK is to keep most of its prices unchanged for the next year to help hard-pressed households.**

John Bason, finance director of Primark's owner Associated British Foods (ABF), told The Sun: "We're going to stand by consumers at a very difficult time."

"We know how important prices are to our customers."

Mr Bason conceded that new-season items will cost more next spring and summer, but promised the price of "continuity stock, such as underwear and nightwear" will remain the same for the next 12 months.

"We are strong enough to do that and it's a relief that people will know what prices they're going to pay," he said.

He also welcomed the Government's announcement of an Energy Price Guarantee.

"Giving consumers more certainty in the outlook of their spending is a big deal," he said.

ABF is set to struggle next year, grappling with rising currency costs and energy charges, and the firm has been forced to issue a profit warning.

That hit its shares, which were the second-biggest fallers on the FTSE 100 yesterday, tumbling almost 8 per cent.

But that comes after a good 12 months for the firm, with sales expected to increase by 40 per cent to £7.7billion for the latest financial year, which ends on September 17.

"We've had a storming summer," said Mr Bason. "Sales

## HIGH ST IS 'ON BRINK' WARNING

THE High Street is on the brink of collapse, a new campaign representing more than 150,000 retail, leisure, hospitality and tourism firms has warned.

#BusinessSOS wants the Government to reduce VAT, introduce business rates relief and create energy discounts for firms. And it warns mass closures and redundancies are inevitable if drastic action is not taken swiftly.

Campaign founder Andrew Taylor, boss of pub group Bart & Taylor, said: "Without immediate intervention, local communities will change forever as they lose their social spaces."

Kate Nicholls, chief executive of UKHospitality, said: "The hospitality sector is facing an existential crisis due to soaring energy bills."

and volumes are all pretty well back to pre-Covid levels."

Meanwhile, the company's food business is expected to post higher profits next year following price increases.

The group said its grocery division – which owns brands such as Twinings, Ryvita and Patak's – was boosted by price increases, which were used to offset cost-inflation.

AB Foods said it expects to see a "significant increase" in adjusted operating profit over the year to September 17.

**40%**

The year-on-year rise in total Primark sales

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## SWERVE THE CV PITFALLS

RECORD numbers of people are sending out CVs, aiming to clinch higher paid jobs amid the cost-of-living crisis.

And with hiring managers spending an average of just eight seconds looking at each, CVmaker.com reveals the red flags to avoid.

**1 GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND TYPOS:** These show you don't pay attention to detail. Use a spellchecker and have at least two people proofread your CV. If you spot mistakes after you have emailed it, send a corrected one with a short explanation.

**2 UNPROFESSIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS:** Don't use the wacky email address you created when you were 15. Keep to your last name and first initial or first and last name.

**3 EMPLOYMENT GAPS:** One jobs gap isn't unusual, especially if you've travelled or started a family. But make sure you have a valid reason to explain multiple gaps.

**4 JOB HOPPING:** Employers want to invest in staff. If you have switched positions frequently, ensure you have strong reasons, such as being headhunted. If you say you "needed a change" it can indicate that you are inconsistent or even unreliable.

**5 TOO MUCH PERSONAL INFORMATION:** A little personality on a CV such as hobbies and interests is positive, but too much personal information can put off employers. So keep it concise.

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Edited by Jane Hamilton



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## SPOT WAGE SLIPS

WANT to cash in on a new career? Human resources giant ADP has launched National Payroll Week to highlight careers in the salary payment sector.

With almost 25,000 open vacancies, the campaign aims to promote the job security and progression the positions offer.

Hayley Jacobs, client services manager at ADP, said: "We are

here to make sure employees get the pay they deserve and have earned."

"You can start from just entering hours to eventually moving up to manage a whole payroll on your own."

"It is a secure career path with lots of career progression opportunities."

To search for vacancies, see [jobs.adp.com/locations/uk](https://jobs.adp.com/locations/uk).

## LOVE YOUR LEAVE

JUST back from your summer holiday? Then maybe it's time to book your next break.

Only two in five UK workers take their full annual leave entitlement, a new study shows.

On average, we miss out on 7.2 days' annual leave a year, equivalent to £40,605 in pay over a lifetime.

Men aged 35 to 44 are most likely to lose their holiday days,

while staff aged 55 and over are best at taking their full quota.

Oliver Rayner, managing director of Caspian Insurance, which carried out the research, said: "While not everyone can afford to go away, booking time off to be with family or to relax is essential."

"It's important to take your allowance of paid days off or risk losing them."



BREAK TIME... it's vital to relax

## A TECH job is advertised every two minutes, making it the nation's fastest growing profession.

Soaring numbers of new digital firms coupled with traditional companies shifting online has seen demand rocket for coders, developers and "ethical hackers" who spot bugs in websites and apps.

The sector is vital to the UK economy, employing more than one and a half million people and generating in excess of £120 billion a year.

Wages are red-hot too, with over half of job posts offering a salary of at least £50,000, and one in five paying £70,000 or more.

Despite this, firms are struggling to fill their vacancies.

Next week is National Coding Week which aims to help attract more diverse talent to the sector and help older workers and career changers move into the roles.

Tech recruiters are keen to change the image of geeky graduates and promote roles for coders who are self-taught or from more varied backgrounds.

Aude Barral, CCO of developer recruitment platform CodinGame, explains: "It is a highly competitive marketplace."

"Tech recruiters need to consider widening their talent pools - developers who don't have the traditional academic background - and utilise skills-based hiring to identify candidates who perhaps don't have the typical developer CV."

Find out more at [codingweek.org/careers](https://codingweek.org/careers).

GET WITH THE PROGRAM... vacancies for developers

## CAN YOU HACK IT?

KATIE PAXTON-FEAR is an ethical hacker at cyber security specialist HackerOne.

The 28-year-old also works as a lecturer in cyber security at Manchester Metropolitan University and runs her own YouTube channel teaching people how to start as an ethical hacker.

Katie, left, from Manchester, said: "Ethical hacking is for everyone who is passionate about computers."

"Some days I may be hacking a social media website and on others, an app or a game."

"If you put in the work to learn how to hack, it's easier than many think."

"Some hackers make millions or you can run it as a side hustle and make £1,000 a month."

"It's really important that girls know there's a place for them in the technology space."

"Despite being afraid of computers, my mum has always encouraged me to fulfil my passion."

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**M**ary Strimple lives in Oxford with her husband Joseph, two children and a Labrador Retriever. Mary has been a registered nurse for ten years. She says:

"Digestion problems almost ruined my life and got me fired from my nursing job.

"The constipation, diarrhoea, cramps and pain turned me into a shadow of my former self. It hit me like a ton of bricks emotionally and physically. It strips you of any dignity because you don't have a normal life.

"Like when I had 'an accident' driving to work and had to turn back and go home and miss work and I almost got fired. Or when I missed my son getting his diploma because I had to go to the bathroom. Or when I was too afraid to even go to a friend's house party that I used to enjoy because I never knew when I would have to 'go' or have an accident!

"The embarrassment and stress drove me to wit's end. I took every prescription my doctors gave me including diarrhoea tablets.

"The last straw was when my family and I were on a week vacation, and I had to spend almost the entire time doubled-over with pain on the toilet! I was so angry and depressed! And I felt like such a terrible mother and wife!

"Have you ever felt like this? I resigned myself to living like this forever - anxious, stressed and with constant digestive problems where I couldn't enjoy a normal life.

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"After it ended my IBS and digestion problems, I posted about it on Facebook and a few natural health blogs I read. It was very embarrassing to admit I had this problem, but since I had ended it, the least I could do was share the solution I found if it could help other people too.

"I guess I hit a raw nerve. People from all over started telling their story of how BAOBAB-CLEANSE ended their digestive problems too and now more and more people are trying it. It is a great feeling to be able to help people with this terrible personal health problem that no one else seems to want to talk about."

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## RACING RESULTS

■LAST night's racing at Southwell and Chelmsford was abandoned following the death of the Queen.

Today's scheduled meetings – including the third day of the St Leger card at Doncaster – have also been called off.

An announcement regarding plans for tomorrow's action, where the Leger at Doncaster is the showpiece event as the final British Classic of the season, will be made today.

Further details on racing's plans during the period of official mourning leading up to the Queen's funeral are expected in due course.

However, Ireland's big Champions' Weekend at Leopardstown tomorrow and The Curragh on Sunday looks set to go ahead.

The Queen's final runner, Improve, trained by Michael Bell and ridden by Benoit De La Sayette, was beaten a short head by Mount Koscusko at Epsom.

The BHA said: "All of British Racing is in mourning following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen."

"Her Majesty has been one of the greatest and most influential supporters in the history of horse racing."

"Her passion for racing and the racehorse shone brightly throughout her life, through her close involvement in breeding and racing horses as well being the figurehead of Royal Ascot."

"Racing is suspended as we begin to grieve Her Majesty's passing and remember her extraordinary life and contribution to our sport."

## DONCASTER

## Going: Good to soft

1.25: 1 **BONNY ANGEL** J Fahy (4-1 fav); 2 **Coco Jambou** (13-2); 3 **Misty Blues** (6-1); 10 ran; 4/1; 3/1; C. Cox; T: £510; £190, £260, £190, Ex: £35.50, Tric: £59.07, Tric: £256.70, CF: £29.77.

2.00: 1 **COLD CASE** A. Alzani (11-4 fav); 2 **Alpha Capture** (8-1); 3 **Holguin** (7-1); 15 ran; shd; 1/1; K. R. Burke; T: £375; £170, £290, £240, Ex: £26.30, Tric: £58.20, CF: £25.02.

2.35: 1 **POLLY POTT** O. Tudhope (40-1); 2 **Novak** (9-2); 3 **Perfect Prophet** (50-1); 8 ran (Dance In The Grass 5-4 fav); 1/1; 3/1; H. Dunlop; T: £415; £5, £170, £50, Ex: £216.90, Tric: £295.55, Tric: £324.28, CF: £215.78, NR: Crystallium, Dubai Jemila.

3.10: 1 **MIMIKYU** L. Dettori (13-2); 2 **Eshaada** (6-4 fav); 3 **Believe In Love** (7-1); 8 ran; 2/1; 3/1; J. T. Gosden; T: £750; £190, £130, £170, Ex: £22.10; T: £71.08; T: £95.10; CF: £16.80.

3.45: 1 **NEW KINGDOM** W. Buick (14-1); 2 **Dirlydow** (25-1); 3 **Harrow** (12-1); 10 ran (Zainalabab 7-4 fav); hd; 1/1; C. Appleby; T: £15; £340, £490, £360, Ex: £377.40, Tric: £426.52, Tric: £423.40, CF: £34.20.

4.20: 1 **ADAYAR** W. Buick (2-7 fav); 2 **Masekela** (11-2); 3 **Dhahabi** (13-2); 3 ran; 3/1; 6/1; C. Appleby; T: £129; Ex: £2.10, Tric: £1.80, CF: £2.19.

4.55: 1 **J R CAVAGIN** G. Lee (7-2); 2 **Never Dard** (11-1); 3 **Princess Karine** (11-2); 13 ran (Pockley 11-4 fav); shd; 1/1; P. Midgley; T: £1030; £330, £410, £180, Tric: £127.30, Tric: £584.90, Tric: £1035.90, CF: £95.21.

5.28: 1 **TERUNTUM STAR** D. Swift (22-1); 2 **Thornaby Pearl** (11-2); 3 **Little Muddy** (5-2 fav); 10 ran; 1/1; 4/1; S. Nixon; T: £23; £610, £230, £160, Ex: £134.80, Tric: £421.52, Tric: £686, CF: £138.24, NR: Lucky Beggar.

P/POT: £883.40; Q/POT: £10.50

## CHEPSTOW

## Going: Soft

1.50: 1 **LUMAS** J. O'Neill (6-1); 2 **Destiny's Spirit** (5-2); 3 **Mintana** (5-1); 8 ran (Urban Dandy 9-4 fav); 3/1; 3/1; G. Boughey; T: £7; £180, £130, £10, Ex: £22.20, Tric: £81.0; Tric: £203.30, CF: £21.91.

2.25: 1 **ANCESTRAL LAND** R. Ryan (2-5 fav); 2 **Majestic Newlaw** (4-1); 3 **Nanga Parbat** (13-2); 7 ran; 3/1; 2/1; C. Cox; T: £40; £10, £22.00, Ex: £2.90, Tric: £5, CF: £2.37, NR: Glam Star, Zoology.

3.00: 1 **COCO HILL** R. Coakley (11-4); 2 **Uffington** (7-1); 3 **Conquest Of Power** (7-1); 8 ran; 2/1; 1/1; B. Millman; T: £3.75; £140, £110, £210, Ex: £3.50, Tric: £3.70, Tric: £39.30, CF: £87.00, NR: Midnight Flame.

3.35: 1 **PROMOTER** Rossa Ryan (5-2); 2 **Racingbreaks Ryder** (5-2); 3 **Lock Back Smiling** (9-4 fav); 8 ran; 1/1; 2/1; R. Beckett; T: £360; £140, £120, £120, Ex: £10, Tric: £27.50, CF: £19.20.

4.10: 1 **PEACHEY CARNEHAN** P. Dennis (11-4); 2 **Fact Or Fable** (12-1); 3 **On Edge** (15-8 fav); 10 ran; ns; 1/1; M. Mullineaux; T: £375; £140, £230, £120, Ex: £43.60, Tric: £76.65, Tric: £136.10, CF: £34.38.

4.45: 1 **WILLINGLY** M. Winn (13-8 jfav); 2 **Penguin Island** (13-8 jfav); 3 **Rhubarb** (9-2); 10 ran; 1/1; 1/1; M. Mullineaux; T: £263; £120, £140, Ex: £5.50, Tric: £12.70, CF: £4.50.

5.15: 1 **SHESADABBER** P. Dennis (5-2 fav); 2 **Ellie Piper** (4-1); 3 **Fossore** (7-2); 10 ran; 1/1; 1/1; M. Mullineaux; T: £330; £120, £170, £10, Ex: £10.70, Tric: £35.77, Tric: £30.10, CF: £22.30, NR: Maybe Tonio.

P/POT: £52.90; Q/POT: £2.50

## EPSOM

## Going: Heavy

1.05: 1 **SERIOUS LOOK** B. Curtis (evens fav); 2 **Tellateller** (5-4); 3 **Kohana Breeze** (9-1); 5 ran; 1/1; 1/1; G. Boughey; T: £2; £110, £110, Ex: £2.50, T: £10, CF: £2.51, NR: American Belle.

1.40: 1 **HODLER** R. Sexton (7-2 fav); 2 **Marlay Park** (9-2); 3 **Elais** (11-2); 10 ran; nk; nk; J. Boyle; T: £450; £180, £20, Ex: £20.40, Tric: £79.75, Tric: £16.10, CF: £18.98.

1.14: 1 **BAD COMPANY** B. J. Powell (7-1); 2 **Napper Tandy** (16-1); 3 **Miltry Decoration** (16-1); 12 ran (Derry Lad 6-4 fav); 1/1; 1/1; J. Boyle; T: £8; £220, £420, £330, Ex: £101.30, Tric: £1747.37, Tric: £1672.20, CF: £115.7, NR: Rozalia.

2.50: 1 **EIKONIX** C. Hutchinson (5-1); 2 **Restorer** (3-1); 3 **Arthur's Victory** (11-2); 6 ran (Beautiful Crown 9-4 fav); 3/1; 4/1; A. Balding; T: £6; £280, £190, Ex: £20.20, Tric: £82.80, CF: £19.33, NR: Pride Of Nepal.

3.25: 1 **GREATNESS AWAITS** S. Hitchcott (9-4 fav); 2 **Warhol** (8-1); 3 **Aurora Papillon** (9-2); 9 ran; 1/1; 2/1; M. Channon; T: £325; £140, £280, £180, Ex: £21.30, Tric: £74.81, Tric: £108, CF: £19.62, NR: Capla Blue.

4.00: 1 **SLY MADAM** W. Carver (5-2 fav); 2 **Mayson** (7-2); 3 **Curtis** (6-1); 10 ran; 2/1; 2/1; Miss S. West; T: £350; £160, £160, £150, Ex: £10.80, Tric: £45.32, Tric: £21.10, CF: £10.79.

4.35: 1 **MOUNT KOSCIUSKO** S. Hitchcott (3-1); 2 **Improvise** (3-1); 3 **Big Bear Hug** (15-2); 7 ran (Total Lockdown 5-2 fav); shd; 1/1; R. Hannan; T: £10; £230, £240, Ex: £21.60, Tric: £126.60, CF: £36.14.

P/POT: £43.30; Q/POT: £30.10

1.50: 1 **PRETTY SMART** MP Sheehy (20-1); 2 **Elanora** (3-1 fav); 3 **Hod's Girl** (4-1); 10 ran; 1/1; 1/1; P. Martin; T: £2730; £440, £120, Ex: £13.10, Tric: £309.84, Tric: £453.90, CF: £81.56, NR: Aloysius L. Baalbec Beauty, Peerless.

5.20: 1 **SAMROQUE** C. Hoban (3-1 fav); 2 **Teddy Boy** (15-5); 3 **Florence Thompson** (11-1); 10 ran; 2/1; shd; R. O'Sullivan; T: £4; £180, £140, £130, Ex: £18.20, Tric: £95.20, Tric: £117.60, CF: £13.27, NR: Lexington Liberty, Maggie Thunder, Pillar.

5.55: 1 **BRINGSTY** Siobhan Rutledge (11-1); 2 **Mosaheeb** (14-1); 3 **Lion Ring** (13-2); 10 ran (Praying Mantis 6-4 fav); 1/1; 1/1; J. McConnell; T: £14; £310, £480, £190, Ex: £198.90, Tric: £609.90, CF: £157.67, NR: Capla Knight, Delta Romeo, Nevada Queen.

6.25: 1 **COEUR D'OR** D. Hayes (6-1); 2 **Yester** (11-2); 3 **I Know I Can** (8-1); 10 ran (Jaafel 10-3 jfav, True Artist 10-3 jfav); hd; 5/1; D. K. Weld; T: £7; £270, £190, £280, Ex: £36, Tric: £193.80, CF: £39.90, NR: Andromedas Kingdom, Belardeen, Tall Story.

6.55: 1 **DREAM TODAY** Mr P. W. Mullins (7-4 fav); 2 **Chavajod** (12-1); 3 **Mary Salome** (16-1); 10 ran; 2/1; 1/1; A. McGuinness; T: £275; £120, £350, £130, Ex: £22.80, Tric: £272.69, Tric: £187, CF: £26.92, NR: Mischief Star, Royal Scholar, Thaleeq.

7.25: 1 **CORDOUAN** Mr P. W. Mullins (5-2); 2 **Alessandro Algard** (6-5 fav); 3 **These Days** (4-1); 8 ran; shd; 1/1; A. McGuinness; T: £350; £10, £140, £110, Ex: £6.30, Tric: £10.70, CF: £5.97, NR: Camdeboo.

P/POT: £67.10

1.50: 1 **FUNNY STORY** H. Crouch (3-1); 2 **Art Of Magic** (2-3); 3 **Centofold** (4-5 fav); 7 ran; 1/1; 1/1; R. Beckett; T: £4; £140, £190, Ex: £11.70, Tric: £23.30, CF: £13.46, NR: Turquoise Diamond.

5.31: 1 **KING OF THACAS** S. Charchi (12-1); 2 **Imperial Dream** (9-4); 3 **Hadley Park** (20-1); 12 ran (Beau Vintage 11-8 fav); 1/1; 2/1; M. Botti; T: £13; £290, £130, £40, Ex: £48, Tric: £448.10, CF: £38.33, NR: Albert Cee.

6.05: 1 **PROUD FAIRY** L. Keniry (22-1); 2 **Dors Toyboy** (11-1); 3 **Thrave** (3-1); 10 ran (Silks P 9-4 fav); nk; 3/1; G. L. Moore; T: £2470; £480, £260, £150, Ex: £259.10, Tric: £988.35, Tric: £241.85.

6.35: 1 **PLASTIC PADDY** F. Larson (10-3); 2 **Flyaway Dream** (5-4 fav); 3 **Havana Goldrush** (20-1); 9 ran; 2/1; 2/1; M. Appleby; T: £434; £130, £120, £40, Ex: £9, Tric: £69.58, Tric: £106.80, CF: £7.60.

■REST OF THE MEETING ABANDONED

1.50: 1 **SOPHOS** C. Shepherd (16-1); 2 **Matchez Trac** (11-2); 3 **Pryen** (11-4 fav); 10 ran; 1/1; 1/1; Williams; T: £750; £30, £2, £160, Ex: £10.70, Tric: £39.61, Tric: £485.50, CF: £99.66.

6.15: 1 **HAUNTED DREAM** R. Thompson (5-1); 2 **Tequilamockingbird** (17-2); 3 **A La Francaise** (40-1); 11 ran (Tidal Storm 9-2 fav); 1/1; 1/1; E. Dunlop; T: £6; £2, £280, £920, Ex: £50.80, Tric: £1923.01, Tric: £1285.50, CF: £45.38.

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# ALC'S FIRED, NOT TIRED

**NIGHT OWL** Carlos Alcaraz is ready to face American hero Frances Tiafoe tonight — despite ending his epic quarter-final at 2.50am!

The Spaniard, 19, and Italian Jannik Sinner, 21, shook hands after a 5hr 15min marathon that was the latest finish ever at the US Open.

Alcaraz — who saved one match point in the fourth set — prevailed 6-3 6-7 6-7 7-5 6-3. And after he fired a winning 128mph ace, the Real Madrid fan just lay stretched out on the court.

It was the second-longest match in the tournament's history and their rivalry — the pair have a combined age of just 40 — could define the next era of men's tennis.

Alcaraz, who is chasing the world No1 spot, is confident he can upset home favourite Tiafoe.

He said: "I feel great. The level of tennis we played was really, really high."

"Everybody knows the level of Frances. He has beaten Rafa Nadal and then Andrey Rublev in three sets. He loves this court."



From **ROB MAUL** in New York

I'm going to have to put on my best. It feels great to be in my first Grand Slam semi-final."

Norwegian No5 seed Casper Ruud, 23, faces Russian Karen Khachanov, 26, in the other men's semi-final tonight.

**JOE SALISBURY** (below) will defend his doubles title today with American Rajeev Ram after they beat Colombians Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah 7-5 4-6 7-6.

Salisbury, 30, and 38-year-old Ram will face Liverpool ace Neal Skupski, 32, and Wesley Koolhof, 33, of Holland after they beat Marcelo Arevalo and Jean-Julien Rojer 6-4 7-5.

Not only is the title on the line but which-ever Brit wins the match will be named as world No1 in the doubles rankings.

And they will be the first man from these shores to win back-to-back doubles crowns in New York since Roger Taylor in 1971-72.

Salisbury, who plans to wear a black armband as a mark of respect for the Queen, said: "It is shocking and very sad news."

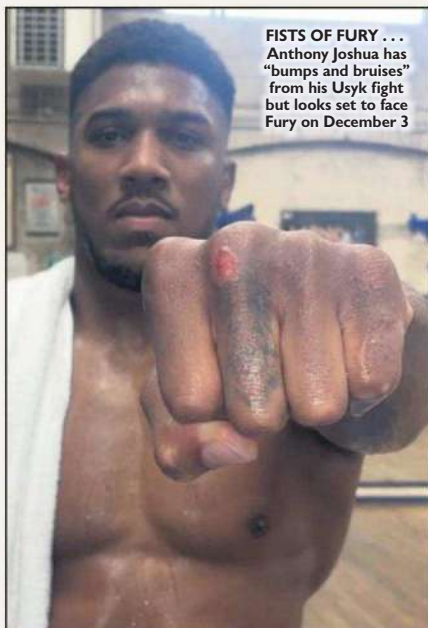


**EXHAUSTED ...**  
Alcaraz after his marathon match

## BOXING FURY v AJ SO CLOSE

# Ant & Dec 3

## CARDIFF SET TO HOST WINTER CLASH



**FISTS OF FURY ...**  
Anthony Joshua has "bumps and bruises" from his Usyk fight but looks set to face Fury on December 3

**TYSON FURY** is on the brink of a £50million Battle of Britain world heavyweight blockbuster with Anthony Joshua in Cardiff on December 3.

SunSport understands Joshua is ready to accept undefeated WBC champ Fury's "take it or leave it" date and venue ultimatum for the richest fight in British boxing history. Fury, 34, had offered AJ a 60-40 purse split and either November 26 at Wembley or December 3 at Cardiff's Principality Stadium.

Joshua had hoped for the fight to be on December 17 — the original date of Fury's postponed world heavyweight unification showdown with WBA, IBF and WBO champ and AJ's two-time conqueror, Oleksandr Usyk.

And yesterday, the Gypsy King urged Joshua to accept his ultimatum. He declared: "AJ, I have not heard from you at all, you have not said whether you want the fight or not."

"To clarify, there has never been a December 17 date, ever."

"There has only been November 26 at Wembley or December 3 in Cardiff. This is it AJ, don't get scared now. Agree to the fight and let's give the fans what they want."

"I have given you an unbelievable deal and an unbelievable opportunity, so it's showtime. Take the fight."

There had been doubts the fight would be made as Joshua, 32, has a TV deal with streaming app DAZN while Fury is contracted to BT Sport.

By **WALLY DOWNES Jr**

But it is understood the broadcasters will agree a shared pay-per-view deal.

Fury's US promoter, Bob Arum questioned Joshua's desire for the fight — but AJ's promoter Eddie Hearn insists negotiations are ongoing.

Arum admitted: "I really don't think Joshua's people are anxious to make the fight now."

"Because he's come through a devastating loss and, conventionally, Joshua is going to want a couple of soft touches to get back in the swing."

"If Eddie wanted to make the fight, he knows me well enough and knows the Warrens. We haven't really heard from him."

But Hearn claims he has spoken to Fury's UK promoters Frank and George Warren, insisting: "I've had multiple phone calls with George and exchanges of emails."

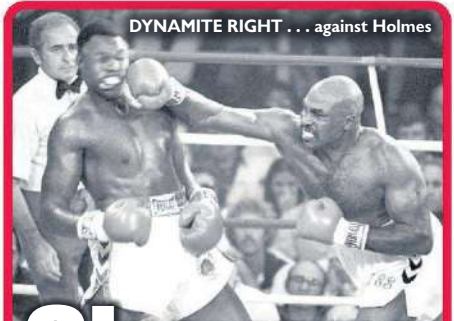
"AJ has just finished his fight with Usyk. He has a couple of bumps and bruises, nothing major."

Fury warned AJ against making any more demands, adding: "This is the Tyson Fury party and you are just an invited guest to my party."

"You cannot dictate what you want or don't want. You either take my offer, or you leave my offer."

"AJ, where are you mosh? The clock is ticking; tick-tock, tick-tock."

"I'll even do it inside six rounds so you can get in-and-out nice and quick and get paid and have a nice little night out on Sunday."



**DYNAMITE RIGHT ...** against Holmes

# Shavers king of the KO

**Colin Hart**

THE VOICE OF BOXING

**KENNY RAINFORD** froze when six burly men burst out of Yates's Wine Lodge in Liverpool intent on attacking his American bouncer buddy.

Rainford, a former pro light-heavyweight, knew that what was about to happen wasn't going to be a pretty sight.

With a left hook from hell, the bouncer knocked them cold one-by-one within a matter of seconds.

The bouncer was Earnie Shavers, statistically the hardest puncher in heavyweight history.

Shavers, who died last week in Virginia at the age of 78, lived on the Wirral for years with his English partner, who happened to be Rainford's aunt.

Kenny told me: "I shall never forget the state those poor fellas were in after Earnie had finished with them."

"It was like a scene out of a wild west movie — bodies lying everywhere."

"Earnie was the quietest, gentlest, kindest man you could wish to meet — but upset him and the evil fighting man came out."

Shavers had a spectacular 89-fight career, 68 of his 74 victories were knock-outs, giving him a remarkable 91.8 per cent KO ratio.

Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes experienced Earnie's power when he challenged them for the world championship in the 1970s.

He lost a narrow 15-round points decision to Ali and nearly KO'd Holmes with a crushing right

hook before being stopped. Holmes recalled: "When that right hand landed it was like a thousand flash bulbs had gone off in my head."

"I was unconscious but fortunately when I hit the canvas it woke me up."

"When Mike Tyson hit me it was like being hit by a speeding Ferrari. Being hit by Earnie was like being hit by a truck."

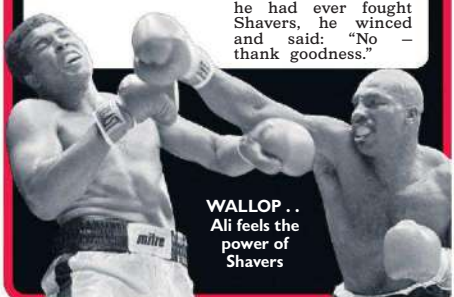
My fondest memory of Earnie was sitting him down in London 45 years ago to explain the difference in value between pounds and dollars.

I had just seen him tip a hotel bell-boy and doorman £20 each — equivalent to £172 today.

George Foreman deserves the final word. When asked if he had ever fought Shavers, he winced and said: "No — thank goodness."



**EPIC ...**  
he KO'd six men in a row



**WALLOP ...**  
Ali feels the power of Shavers



SPORTS ROUND-UP  
RESULTS & FIXTURES  
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

<b>GROUP A</b>	
PSV (0)	1 BODO/GLIMT (1) 1
Gakpo 62	Gronbaek 44
ZURICH (1)	1 ARSENAL (1) 2
Kryeziu 44 (pen)	Alencar 16
	Nketiah 62

<b>GROUP B</b>	
AEK LARNACA (1) 1	RENNES (1) 2
Oier Sanjurjo 33	Theate 29
	Assignon 90

<b>FENERBAHCE (1) 2 DYN KIEV (0) 1</b>	
Gustavo Henrique 35	Tsygankov 63
Batshuayi 90	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Rennes	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
AEK Larnaca	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Dynamo Kiev	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

<b>GROUP C</b>	
HJK (0)	0 REAL BETIS (1) 2
	Willian Jose 45 (pen), 64
LUDOGORETS (0) 2 ROMA (0) 1	
Cauly 72	Shomurodov 86
Gustavo 88	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Betis	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ludogorets	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Roma	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
HJK	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

<b>GROUP D</b>	
MALMO FF (0) 0	BRAGA (1) 2
	Bruno Rodrigues 30
	Ricardo Horta 70 (pen)

U BERLIN (0) 0	U ST GILLOISE (1) 1
	Lynen 39

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Braga	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
U St Gilloise	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Union Berlin	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Malmo FF	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

<b>GROUP E</b>	
MAN UTD (0) 0	R SOCIEDAD (0) 1
	Mendez 59 (pen)
OMONIA N (0) 0	SHERIFF (1) 3
	Rashed 2
	Atiemwen 55 (pen)
	Diop 76

<b>GROUP F</b>	
LAZIO (3) 4	FEYENOORD (0) 2
Luis Alberto 4	Giemenz 69 (pen), 88
Felipe Anderson 15	
Vecino 28, 63	

STURM GRAZ (1) 1	MIDTJYLLAND (0) 0
Emegha 8	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lazio	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Sturm Graz	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
FC Midtjylland	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Feyenoord	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

<b>GROUP G</b>	
FREIBURG (2) 2	KARABAKH (1) 1
Grifo 7 (pen)	Vesovic 39
Doan 15	

NANTES (1) 2	OLYMPIAKOS (0) 1
Mohamed 32	Moutoussamy 50 (og)
Guessand 90	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Freiburg	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Nantes	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Karabakh	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Olympiacos	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

<b>GROUP H</b>	
FERENCVAROS (3) 3	TRABZONSPOR (1) 2
Nguen 5, 44 (pen)	Gomez 39
Traore 29	Bozok 71

R S BELGRADE (0) 0	MONACO (0) 1
	Emboalo 74 (pen)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ferencvaros	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Monaco	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Trabzonspor	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
R S Belgrade	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

## EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE

<b>GROUP A</b>	
HEARTS (0) 0	ISTANBUL (1) 4
	Kaldirim 26
	Ndayishimiye 67
	Otkak 75
	Ozcan 82

FIorentina (0) 1	RIGAS FS (0) 1
Barak 56	Ilic 74

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Istanbul	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Rigas FS	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Florentina	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hearts	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

<b>GROUP B</b>	
WEST HAM (0) 3	FCSB (1) 1
Bowen 69 (pen)	Cordea 34
Emerson Palmieri 74	
Antonio 90	

ANDERLECHT (0) 1	SILKEBORG (0) 0
Silva 81 (pen)	

<b>GROUP F</b>	
SHAMROCK R (0) 0	DJURGARDEN (0) 0
MOLDE (0) 0	GENT (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Djurgarden	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gent	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Molde	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shamrock R	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

<b>GROUP C</b>	
Nice 0	Austria Vienna 0
Sheva 0, Villarreal 4	Lech Poznan 3

<b>GROUP D</b>	
Nice 0	AZ 1, Vaduz 0
Apollon Limassol 0	

<b>GROUP E</b>	
Balkani 1	CFR Cluj 1, Sivasspor 1
Stavira Prague 1	

<b>GROUP H</b>	
Basel 3	Pyrnik 1, Slovan Bratislava 0
FK Zalgiris Vilnius 0	

EUROPA LEAGUE MAN UTD  
LISANDRO

## Reds slump after crazy pen



PEN PAIN... Mendez rifles in Real Sociedad's spot-kick winner

By NEIL CUSTIS



## A BIZARRE penalty saw Manchester United crash to Europa League defeat.

It was the 56th minute when Italian referee Marco Di Bello pointed to the spot after the ball hit Lisandro Martinez as he slid in to block David Silva's effort.

But replays showed the point-blank shot had hit sub Martinez on the knee and deflected up onto his elbow.

It looked certain that VAR would overturn the decision but it stood and Brais Mendez made no mistake in beating David de Gea with a powerful kick into the bottom right-hand corner.

To add insult to injury, Martinez was even booked for the supposed infringement.

It was a goal very much against the run of play.

But penalty aside, United could not have too many complaints in the end after an uninspiring showing.

With six changes made by boss Erik

Zurich.....1  
Arsenal....2

From MARK IRWIN in St Gallen

## ARSENAL fans have a new Brazilian idol after teenager Marquinhos announced his big-time arrival in style.

The 19-year-old winger cost the Gunners just £3million when he joined them from Sao Paulo in a low-key summer move.

And he is already looking like a bargain after marking his debut with a goal and an assist to secure an opening Europa League victory.

Boss Mikel Arteta had originally considered sending Samba starlet Marquinhos out on loan.

But he quickly changed his mind when he saw the way the new arrival fitted in with his squad during pre-season training.

It took Marquinhos just a matter of minutes to carve Zurich apart when he picked out Gabriel Martinelli for a free header which was wastefully hit wide.

Another promising chance came and went when he fired over from Granit Xhaka's cross as the visitors looked to turn the screw on the Swiss champions.

But none of that mattered when Fabio Vieira sent Eddie Nketiah (right) galloping away on the counter-attack before squaring into the path of Marquinhos, arriving like a train.

And the impressive debutant (left) made no mistake this time, belting

his 16th-minute shot into the top corner to momentarily hush the raucous Zurich fans.

Nobody was getting it in the neck from the crowd more than Xhaka, wearing the Arsenal armband for the first time since his infamous meltdown more than three years ago.

Yet the ex-Basel man nearly had the last laugh with a ferocious long-range effort which demanded a sprawling 25th-minute save from Yannick Brehner.

But Arsenal were again forced to pay the price for a loss of defensive discipline. Nketiah's 43rd-minute challenge on Fidan Aliti was risky and unnecessary, and Mirlind Kryeziu sent Matt Turner the wrong way from the spot.

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HOW THEY LINED UP  
ZURICH: Brehner, Boranijasevic, Kamberi, Kryeziu, Aliti, Dzemalili (Condeat 67), Selnaes, Okita (Avdijaj 80), Krasnjqi (Marchesano 67), Guerrero (Rohner 67), Tosin (Santini 80).

ARSENAL: Turner, Tomiyasu, Holding, Gabriel, Tierney (Zinchenko 69), Lokonga, Vieira (Odegaard 69), Xhaka, Marquinhos (Saka 69), Nketiah (Jesus 78), Martinelli.

## GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bodo/Glimt	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
PSV	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Zurich	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Mikel's  
Samba  
buoy!  
WHIZKID ON MARQ



# 0 REAL SOCIEDAD 1

MENDEZ 59 (PEN)

# MARTINEZ

## call and Ronaldo flop



### GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheriff	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Real Sociedad	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Omonia Nicosia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

ELBOWED ...  
ball hits Martinez

ten Hag from the victory over Arsenal, it was a chance for players to stake claims for Premier League action.

It is fair to say that the boss will be reverting back to 'Team A' next time out.

Cristiano Ronaldo certainly did little to suggest he should be getting his place back.

This was the tournament Ronaldo wanted out of Old Trafford to avoid.

The Portuguese five-time Champions League winner, even at 37, had his eyes set on the biggest prize once more when he tried to engineer a move away from United this summer.

But here he was playing in

the Europa League for the first time since he turned out for Sporting Lisbon against Partizan Belgrade in 2002.

He did not look up for the fight.

Indeed, when he did have the ball in the net it was the lackadaisical way in which he had failed to get back outside that turned out costing him.

It was the 35th minute and Diogo Dalot picked the ball up midway inside the opposition half.

But Ronaldo had just been walking back from the previous attack and so was a yard offside when he met Dalot's cross and headed goalwards.

Alejandro Ramiro got a hand

to it but could only palm the ball up onto the underside of the bar and in.

Ronaldo did not even have time to celebrate before the flag went up for a clear offside and his body language suggested he knew it was the right decision.

Earlier, he failed to reach a Christian Eriksen cross with his head but did not look to be stretching every sinew to get there either.

When Eriksen slid another pass through the middle, Ronaldo's first touch was awful, the ball looping in the air and possession gone.

At the start of the second half he was offered a chance that he used to score in his sleep.

A perfect cross from sub Bruno Fernandes to the far post for a leaping Ronaldo but it was mistimed, the ball glanced off his head and went wide.

A late fall in the box and vain claims for a penalty were dismissively waved away.

Then as we approached the final minute he won a free-kick.

All the theatrics were on show as he lined it up and prepared... and then hit it straight into the wall.

Game over.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

MAN UTD: De Gea, Dalot (Martinez, 45), Lindelof, Maguire, Malacia (McNeil 84), Eriksen (Fernandes 45), Casemiro, Fred, Antony (Sancho 71), Ronaldo, Elanga (Garnacho 71). Booked: Martinez, Fred.

REAL SOCIEDAD: Remiro, Gorosabel (Sola 84), Elustondo, Pacheco, Munoz, Zubimendi, Mendez (Turrientes 84), Merino, Silva (Cho 65), Kubo (Barrenetxea 78), Sadiq (Sortolo 45). Booked: Munoz, Silva, Turrientes.

AGONY ...  
Ronaldo is  
frustrated at  
miss



MOTORING IN... Potter at Chelsea's Cobham complex

# JACKPOTT

From Back Page

and an innovator in the Premier League who fits our vision for the club.

"Not only is he extremely talented on the pitch, he has skills and capabilities that extend beyond the pitch which will make Chelsea a more successful club."

"He has had a major impact at his previous clubs and we look forward to his positive impact at Chelsea."

"We look forward to supporting him, his coaching team and the squad in realising their full potential in the coming months and years."

Chelsea will ramp up the search for a sporting director to improve scouting and transfers.

The Londoners spent an eye-watering £259.1m this summer.

But they have lost three times already this season - with Tuchel's final act being the Champions League defeat at Dinamo Zagreb on

Tuesday. The new head coach will play a part in the selection process.

Behdad Eghbali and Jose E Feliciano, co-controlling owners, added: "Graham is a football innovator and winner on the pitch and a leader off the pitch."

"He has deeply impressed us with his ideas and approach."

Brighton's Under-21 chief Andrew Crofts will take on the role of Albion's interim head coach. Former Liverpool midfielder Adam Lallana, 34, will also be involved.

Brighton chairman Tony Bloom said: "I am very disappointed Graham will be leaving us."

"He is an exceptional head coach and an exceptional person. He will be hugely missed."

"He leaves an excellent legacy for his successor with the club in its highest position, on the back of leading us to our highest finish in the club's history last season."

# Frank: I'm a Bee not a Seagull

By ISABELLE BARKER

THOMAS FRANK quashed rumours that he could take the vacant Brighton job.

The Brentford boss was named as one of the bookies' favourites to replace Graham Potter after he left the Seagulls to jump in to the Chelsea hotseat.

Leicester chief Brendan Rodgers and Celtic boss Ange Postecoglou were also put forward.

Bees chief Frank, 48, said: "I'm very happy here at Brentford. There is a lot of unfinished business. We have big potential at the club so that's my focus."

"I'm so pleased for a coach like Graham. The easy pick would be to go for Mauricio Pochettino or Zinedine Zidane."

Southampton chief Ralph Hasenhuttl believes Potter's appointment is a boost for domestic bosses.

He said: "It is a clear signal there are good English managers out there to compete at the highest level."

"For me, he is the manager in the past two years that has had the biggest impact at a club."

# Stricken star's MND ordeal

By OSCAR PAUL

FORMER Ipswich and Sunderland striker Marcus Stewart has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

Currently head of player development at Yeovil, Stewart's diagnosis came after 12 months of testing.

Stewart, 49, said: "I would like to take the opportunity to thank those closest to me for their unwavering support since my recent diagnosis."

"As I take the time to adjust, my intention is to continue to enjoy my work in football and spend time with my

family. In the future, I would like to use my platform within football to help raise awareness around MND."

Stewart (left) scored 254 goals in 783 games across the top four divisions.

He was the highest scoring Englishman in 2000-01 after bagging 19 Prem goals to lead the Tractor Boys to fifth and UEFA Cup qualification.

He also played for Bristol Rovers, Bristol City, Huddersfield, Preston and Exeter.



# ROMANIANS

## Bowen 'n Hammers rally for Europe

By JORDAN DAVIES

WEST HAM avoided another Euro embarrassment against Romanian rivals after a second-half fightback.

The Hammers suffered successive woeful losses against Astra Giurgiu in the qualifying stages of the Europa League back in 2015 and 2016.

And they were set for a similar result in their opening Europa Conference League tie against FCSB - formerly Steaua Bucharest - after Andrei Cordea's 34th-minute strike.

But half-time sub Jarrod Bowen netted from the spot in the 69th minute before Emerson Palmieri and Michail Antonio made sure of the points late on.

David Moyes' men have endured a torrid start to the season, winning just one of their first six Prem outings.

FCSB took advantage of some sloppy defending to go ahead when Darius Olaru found Andrei Cordea at the far post. Angry boss Moyes made a triple substitution at the break -

West Ham.....3  
FCSB.....1

axing Gianluca Scamacca, Said Benrahma and Manuel Lanzini for Bowen, Antonio and Lucas Paqueta. And it paid off.

Maxwel Cornet won a dubious penalty in a collision with keeper Stefan Tarnovanu and Bowen stepped up to find the corner.

Emerson snuck in at the near post to stab into the net in the 74th minute.

The flattering lead could have been far greater were it not for some stunning saves by Tarnovanu, only to finally be beaten by Antonio in injury time.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

WEST HAM: Areola, Coufal, Ogbonna (Dawson 90), Kehrer, Emerson, Downes, Rice, Benrahma (Bowen 46), Lanzini (Paqueta 46), Cornet (Foralls 68), Scamacca (Antonio 46). Booked: Cornet, Ogbonna, Emerson.

FCSB: Tarnovanu, Cretu, Dawa (Harut 87), Tamm, Radunovic, Olaru (Popescu 70), Edjuma, Oaida (Radulescu 90), Cordea, Coman (Rusu 90), Compagno (Miculescu 70). Booked: Dawa, Tarnovanu, Oaida.

NICE ONE PAL  
... Emerson  
enjoys his first  
Hammers goal



### ECL, GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Anderlecht	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Silkeborg	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
FCSB	1	0	0	1	1	3	0



ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



RACING

# The sport of Queens

## MONARCH'S LIFELONG PASSION FOR HORSES

**THEY call it the sport of kings but no monarch left their mark on horse racing quite like the Queen.**

Her Majesty lived and breathed the sport and was one of the most influential owners and breeders in modern times.

The sport has lost its greatest supporter and most important patron.

For the last 70 years, horses born and raised at the Royal stud at Sandringham have graced racecourses around the world.

She owned more than 1,000 winners on the flat along with 70 over jumps and was crowned champion owner in 1954 and 1957.

A tally of 24 winners at Royal Ascot down the decades makes her one of the most successful owners at the summer's biggest meeting. It was fitting Her Majesty was the first to be enrolled in the official British racing Hall of Fame in 2021.

The Derby may have evaded her, the closest she came to Epsom glory was Aureole's second, just four days after her 1953 Coronation.

But she did celebrate five Classic wins from Pall Mall in the '58 2,000 Guineas to Dunfermline who lit up her Silver Jubilee year in 1977 by winning the Oaks and St Leger.

The sight of a Royal runner on a racecard has always added a little extra spice to a fixture and she had plenty of good ones during her reign.

It is no exaggeration

By STEVE MULLEN & JACK KEENE

to say her horses have been responsible for some of the greatest moments in racing history. Whether it was Dunfermline in the Oaks or Estimate in the Gold Cup, nothing got the blood pumping quite like a big winner for the Queen.

She shared some of her best days with her long-time ally Sir Michael Stoute, 76, who trained for her for five decades.

They came within a neck of the 'Holy Grail' in 2011, when Carlton House was a luckless third in the Derby at Epsom.

But they had more good days than bad, including Estimate's memorable 2013 win at Royal Ascot when she was famously caught celebrating by TV cameras.

Stoute said: "I found that training for the Queen came with no pressure.

That was down to her understanding, her deep knowledge and her thirst for more. She was one of the great owner-breeders, the sport won't be the same without her and it was an honour to train her horses."

There was no greater privilege for a jockey than donning the Royal colours.

The great Willie Carson, 79, won big races around the globe during his career but he reckons that winning the Oaks for the Queen was his finest hour.

Carson said: "That may have

been the best thing in my riding career, winning on Dunfermline in Silver Jubilee Week.

"The Queen came for lunch at Dick Hern's stable the day after.

"She would come for breakfast quite a lot in the old days. Dick had a Land Rover that was always covered in mud. We always knew the Queen was coming because the Land Rover got washed!

"When you put her colours on, a jockey grows six inches. It was an absolute privilege to ride for her."

Her Majesty was never more relaxed than when she was at the races, as Hayley Turner remembers.

The 39-year-old jockey said: "She absolutely loved her racing. I was quite lucky when I rode for her.

"I won a race for her one year at Newbury. The following season I won the same race for her again.

"We were back on the podium and she turned to me and said: 'We've done this before, haven't we?'"

"I was like, 'Yes, Ma'am, you should pay me a retainer!'. She looked at me and laughed.

"She was an amazing woman and it was every jockey's dream to ride for her."

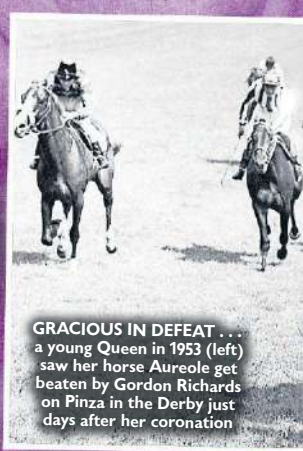
Nicky Henderson trained his fair share of winners for the Queen and he is in no doubt about the impact she had on the sport.

He said: "We had some great fun over the years and she was never happier and more at ease than when she was around horses. She was so knowledgeable and her love for the sport shone through to the public.

"Just look at Royal Ascot, it is one of the biggest sporting events and she helped grow it and made it so popular.

"She loved going to the races but if she couldn't go she would have the racing recorded and she would watch it at home.

"The sport was her great passion. It gave her a lot of joy, as she gave us a lot of joy."



**GRACIOUS IN DEFEAT...**  
a young Queen in 1953 (left) saw her horse Aureole get beaten by Gordon Richards on Pinza in the Derby just days after her coronation



# LOSES GREATEST PATRON



**ROYAL SEAL OF APPROVAL**  
... Princess Anne looks on as a delighted Queen pats her Gold Cup winner Estimate at Royal Ascot in 2013

**REINING MONARCH**  
... Her Majesty leads in her first Classic winner — Carrozzo, ridden by Lester Piggott, in the Oaks at Epsom in 1957



**GOT THE WINNER . . .** the Queen and Queen Mother celebrate as their horse triumphs

## 'MOTHER - WE HAVE WON!'

### Her £16 Derby sweepstake success

**RUNNING out of the Royal Box at the 1991 Derby, the Queen calls out behind her to the Queen Mother: "That's my horse, isn't it? That's my horse!"**

Then when Generous, the runner she had drawn in the £1 family sweepstake, is first past the post she exclaims: "Oh my God, Mother! We won!"

The joyous piece of footage ends with an aide coming to present her winnings.

She asks: "What do I get?"

He replies: "Well, you get 16, Ma'am."

She exclaims: "Sixteen pounds! Oh!", and turns to give the camera a jaunty grin.

The Queen lit up at the races as she did nowhere else but Her Majesty was not just a fan — she was an expert participant.

Over the years, the Queen won around £8million in prize money from her winners, although she never bet except in the family's annual Derby sweepstake.

Her greatest triumphs as an owner came after she appointed childhood friend Lord Henry Porchester as her racing manager in 1970.

Porche, as he was known, was the son of the Earl of Carnarvon, one of the great racehorse breeders of his day and he was at her side at almost every Derby from 1945 until his death in 2001.

He was so serious about horses that after serving in the Royal Horse Guards during the war, he studied at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

There he learned the latest science about horse breeding and Elizabeth was soon caught up in his enthusiasm.

Until this point, the royal studs at Sandringham and Hampton Court had been most concerned with bloodlines based on their owners' own breeding. George VI had once refused to use a champion stallion because it was owned by a bookmaker.

But Porche lobbied for the principles of "hybrid vigour".

Driven by him, the royal breeding methods were revolutionised.

By the end of her life, the only one of the five English classics the Queen never won was her beloved Epsom Derby.

She came closest in 1953 with a thoroughbred named Aureole, just four days after the Coronation.

Amid frantic preparations for her big day at Westminster Abbey, the Queen was asked: "Are you nervous?" She replied: "I am very worried about how he will come round Tattenham Corner."

By **CLAUDE DUVAL**



Aureole did his best down that famous slope but to the sorrow of a nation, only managed to finish second.

Many of the most lively stories about the Queen, in fact, are about racing.

And they were most often told by her friends from the racing world around whom she relaxed as she did with nobody else.

Stud manager Sir Michael Oswald recalled once ringing Barry Mitford, Her Majesty's page, to let him know that her horse Harvest Song would be running in the 2.30 at Fontwell.

Sir Michael remembered: "Barry got rather excited at this, asking will it win and should he have a flutter? I told him under no circumstances should he waste any money on it — that I had more chance of winning the 100 metres at the Olympics."

Harvest Song started the race as a 50-1 outsider and won by five-and-a-half lengths.

When Sir Michael phoned the Queen to see if she had watched the race on TV, she replied, "Oh yes and may I say that Barry is standing next to me."

"If I were you, I would find some dark glasses and a good disguise next time to come anywhere near this place."

Her Majesty took enormous interest in even the smallest details of her horses' lives.

Biographer Ben Pimlott quoted a horse-world confidante in his book *The Queen* as saying: "She is very interested in stable management — and happiest with the minutiae of the feed, the quality of the wood chipping and so forth."

And four-times champion flat trainer Richard Hannon Sr, once said: "I always had to do my homework when I ran one of Her Majesty's horses or when she came to visit our stables."

"She knows all the pedigrees of her horses inside out. There's no small talk when discussing her horses. She knows all the bloodlines going back decades."

"She also used to say to me after a stable tour, 'It's nice to come to a place that doesn't smell of fresh paint.'"





ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



A WITNESS



HANDSHAKE . . . with Stanley Matthews in 1953

By **DAVE KIDD**

CHIEF SPORTS WRITER



**SHE** handed the Jules Rimet Trophy to Bobby Moore, she 'parachuted' out of a helicopter at the London Olympics opening ceremony and she refused Dennis Lillee an autograph at an Australia v England Test match.

While the Queen's genuine passion for sport did not extend far beyond her beloved horse racing and the Highland Games at Braemar, Her Majesty was present for many momentous occasions.

And she could also claim a daughter and a granddaughter as BBC Sports Personality of the Year winners – both Princess Anne and Zara Tindall claiming the coveted gong for their equestrian achievements.

A decade ago, the Queen stole the show in Danny Boyle's 2012 Olympics opening ceremony, where Daniel Craig – as James Bond – was seen arriving at Buckingham Palace to escort the monarch into a chopper.

Her Majesty delivered the line, "Good evening, Mr Bond" before her stunt double was seen leaping out of the aircraft over the stadium in Stratford, before the Queen herself arrived to take her seat, with the Duke of Edinburgh alongside her.

This sketch – kept secret even from the rest of the Royal Family – was a key part of a ceremony, widely regarded as a triumph, which led to a golden summer for British sport.

Back in 1966, the image of the Queen in a mustard hat and coat handing the World Cup to England captain Moore – after the 4-2 victory over West Germany – is one of the most iconic images in English sport-history.

And even in his finest hour, Moore was a stickler for etiquette.

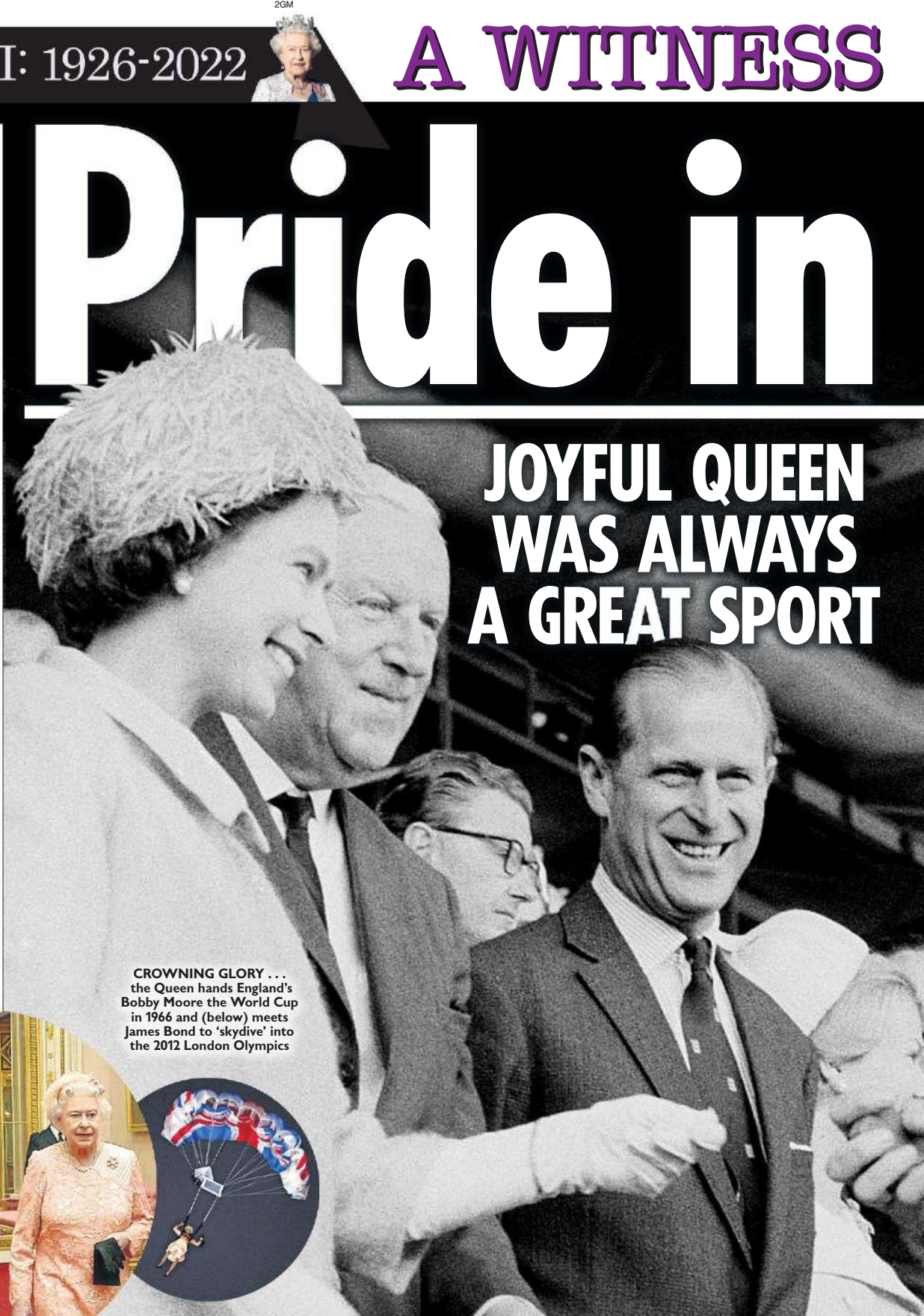
Hat-trick hero Sir Geoff Hurst said: "Bobby noticed the Queen was wearing gloves."

"He had the foresight not to dirty the Queen's gloves. He wiped his hands just before he collected the trophy."

The long-serving monarch also dished out the silverware at several FA Cup finals – from Blackpool's 4-3 victory over Bolton in the Matthews Final of 1953, her Coronation year, through to the 1976 final when second-division Southampton shocked Manchester United.

In recent years, her grandson Prince William – the President of the FA and a keen Aston Villa fan – has usually done the honours at English domestic football's showpiece event.

Her Majesty never revealed any footballing



**CROWNING GLORY . . .**  
the Queen hands England's Bobby Moore the World Cup in 1966 and (below) meets James Bond to 'skydive' into the 2012 London Olympics



allegiances. West Ham fans believed she was one of their own, although Prince Philip denied it when asked by Hammers vice-chairman Karren Brady and Cesc Fabregas once claimed she had admitted to supporting Arsenal.

The Queen was a regular at Lord's Test matches throughout the majority of her reign, attending 26 of them, with her husband Prince Philip, an avid cricket fan, a keen player in his youth and a former MCC president.

England and the visiting team usually lined up on the outfield to shake hands with Her Majesty during the tea interval, before sending her off with three 'hip, hip hoorays'.

But during the 1977 Centenary Test between Australia and England in Melbourne, Aussie fast bowler Lillee broke with protocol to ask the Queen for her autograph – even having pen and paper handy.

The monarch politely declined, although a signed photo was sent to Lillee days later.

Despite Wimbledon's regal feel and its proximity to Buckingham Palace, the Queen was not a tennis fan – only ever attending the Championships on four occasions.

But these occasional visits did include the 1977 ladies' singles final, when Virginia Wade became the most recent British woman to win the title.

Despite her relative lack of interest in most

mainstream sports, the Queen was a devoted attendee of the Highland Games at Braemar – held close to Balmoral Castle during her regular summer stay there – where she is said to have genuinely enjoyed the caber-tossing and tug-of-war.

The Commonwealth Games were also close to her heart, as a symbol of the group of nations – mainly former British Empire colonies – of which she was the Head.

But horse racing was by far and away the Queen's favourite sport and although her racing manager John Warren described her as a "small fish in a huge pond" and "very much a second division owner", her horses won four of the five English classics. Only



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The Derby eluded Her Majesty – although in 2011 her horse, Carlton House, went in as favourite only to lose a shoe on the Epsom Downs and ended up finishing third.

Warren insisted the Queen read the Racing Post every morning and watched recordings from Channel 4 Racing and the Racing Channel most evenings.

While her attendances at other sporting events understandably became less frequent during her latter years, Royal Ascot remained one of her favourite occasions of the year.

The 'sport of kings' was very much the sport of the Queen – but her attendance at many other major events added extra grandeur.



KINGS . . . England's 2003 Rugby World Cup winners



HOST . . . meeting teams at the Euro 96 final at Wembley



JUBILEE . . . presenting Wade with trophy in 1977



PLEASE, MA'AM . . . Lillie asks for an autograph



SALUTE . . . FC Zurich pay respect

## GRIEF

From Back Page

to Brazil to witness our love for football and experienced the magic of a packed Maracana.

"Her deeds have marked generations. This legacy will last forever."

Manchester United spoke of the club's sorrow ahead of their 1-0 Europa League defeat to Real Sociedad.

Old Trafford fell silent for a minute before kick-off as players and fans showed their respect for Britain's longest-serving monarch.

United said: "We share the sorrow of the entire nation. The club recognises her immense contribution to public life, including sport, both here in the United Kingdom, across the Commonwealth and around the world."

At West Ham's Europa Conference League clash with FCSB, the usual jovial music played inside the ground ahead of kick-off was binned, while advertising hoardings were blacked out.

Players walked out to no European music, nor the anthem 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' and the planned minute's silence turned into a minute's applause.

Fans also sang several renditions of 'God Save The Queen'.

England's football team expressed their profound sadness, writing: "Her Majesty the Queen will be forever linked with some of our most memorable moments – including presenting the Jules Rimet Trophy to our 1966 World Cup-winning side."

Cricket also paid tribute, with England Test captain Ben Stokes sharing a picture of the Queen on Instagram with a heart emoji.

And the ECB said: "We are deeply saddened."

"The thoughts of everyone involved in the game are with the whole Royal Family."

The Rugby Football Union offered "our condolences to the whole Royal Family".

Her Majesty was a keen racing fan and owned hundreds of horses during her remarkable lifetime.

The British Horse Racing Authority said: "All of British Racing is in mourning."

"Her Majesty has been one of the greatest and most influential supporters in the history of horseracing."

"Her passion for racing and the racehorse shone brightly throughout her life, not only through her close involvement in breeding and racing horses but in her roles as a patron of The Jockey Club and Thoroughbred Breeders Association and as the figurehead of Royal Ascot."

Team GB said they were "incredibly saddened", adding: "The thoughts of the entire British Olympic community are with our President, HRH The Princess Royal, the Royal Family and the nation at this sad time."

Lawn Tennis Association chief executive Scott Lloyd said: "Her Majesty was universally admired and respected. Her loss will be felt across the country and the Commonwealth."



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## JACKPOTT AS NEW

By ANDREW DILLON

**GRAHAM POTTER** will earn more than **£50MILLION** for joining **Chelsea's American revolution.**

The Blues handed their new manager a whopping five-year contract last night and the former Brighton chief will take training today.

Potter, 47, is on just over £10m a year – far more than sacked predecessor Thomas

Tuchel, who was paid around £8m a year. Brummie Potter (left) said: "I am incredibly proud and excited to represent this fantastic football club."

"I am very excited to partner with Chelsea's new ownership group and look forward to meeting and working with the exciting group of players and to develop

## EUROPEAN GAMES FALL SILENT

# UNITED IN GRIEF

## Tributes from FA and sporting heroes



MINUTE'S SILENCE... United players line up before kick-off

**ENGLAND** captain Harry Kane hailed the Queen as "an amazing inspiration" as he led the tributes to Her Majesty.

Sport united in grief following Queen Elizabeth II's death yesterday at the age of 96.

Respects were paid at the European games involving Arsenal, Manchester United and West Ham – as well as at grounds across Europe.

Tottenham and England striker Kane tweeted: "My thoughts are with the Royal Family."

"The Queen was an amazing inspiration and will be remembered for her incredible years of service to this country. Rest in peace, Your Majesty."

The FA, whose president is the Queen's grandson Prince William, wrote: "We join our nation in mourning her loss."

By WILL PUGH

Ex-England striker and Match of the Day frontman Gary Lineker tweeted: "Such a terribly sad day. A truly remarkable woman who served her country with dignity, loyalty and grace."

"A comforting ever present in the lives of most of us."

Former England superstar David Beckham said: "I'm truly saddened. What an outpouring of love and respect we saw for the Platinum Jubilee."

"How devastated we all feel today shows what she has meant to people in this country and around the world. How much she inspired us with her leadership."

And Brazilian icon Pele tweeted: "I have been a great admirer of Queen Elizabeth II since the first time I saw her in person, in 1968, when she came

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ULTRA RESPECT... Queen appears on screen at Lazio



# BLUES BOSS POCKETS £50M

a team and culture that our amazing fans can be proud of."

Chelsea will pay Brighton £20m compensation. Potter's staff of assistant Billy Reid, first-team coaches Bjorn Hamberg and Bruno, goalkeeping coach Ben Roberts and assistant head of recruitment Kyle Macaulay also move to the Blues.

Potter left Brighton after three seasons to become the first managerial appoint-

ment under Chelsea's new US-led owners. Senior Stamford Bridge insiders told SunSport that the new coach's leadership skills and his ability as a 'risk-taker' were what swung it for them.

Chairman Todd Boehly and his directors also admire Potter for leaving England to boss Swedish minnows Osterunds, who he led to three promotions. Brainbox Potter's Masters in Leadership

and Emotional Intelligence heavily appealed too because it shows he can operate outside football circles.

Owner Boehly held talks with Potter just hours after axing Tuchel on Wednesday morning and agreed one of the longest managerial contracts in Chelsea history.

Boehly said: "We are thrilled to bring Graham to Chelsea. He is a proven coach

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## IN MEMORIAM HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



HONOURED...  
West Ham and FCSB  
pay their respects  
Pic: RICHARD PELHAM



FOR QUEEN AND COUNTRY... Wembley last night

## Talks over fixture list

**PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**chiefs will decide**  
**today whether to**  
**cancel fixtures this**  
**weekend following the**  
**death of the Queen.**

But while there will be no order banning sport as the UK enters ten days of national mourning, it is thought leagues will agree calling off matches is the right decision.

Today's horse racing, DP Tour golf and the second day of England cricket's final Test against South Africa are already postponed, as are tonight's two EFL football games.

Last night's rugby union match between Northampton and Saracens was called off, but Manchester United, Arsenal and West Ham's played European games as fans were already in stadiums.

Premier League chief executive Richard Masters is aware of a potential backlash if they play this weekend. And another factor is the potential drain on police resources as towns and cities pay tribute to the Queen after her 70-year reign.

A final call will be made by lunchtime with Prem chiefs aware that clubs will be setting off for overnight stays ahead of games and fans need to know if they are travelling.

An EFL statement said: "As a mark of respect Burnley versus Norwich and Tranmere versus Stockport have

By MARTIN LIPTON

been postponed. A determination regarding the weekend fixtures will be made following a review of the official mourning guidance."

Matches are likely to take place over the coming ten days after this weekend, although sports bodies will be expected to mark the passing of Her Majesty, at the age of 96.

That will see fans and players asked to respect one-minute silences before games, the national anthem also to be played and black armbands worn.

If the weekend's football is called off it will be a break with precedent from the last time a monarch died in the middle of a football season.

A full Football League fixture list took place on Saturday February 9 1952, three days after the death of King George VI.

Government ministers accepted it would not have been feasible for the games at Old Trafford and London Stadium to have been postponed when fans were already at the grounds when the Queen's death was confirmed last night.

But it is expected that no sporting events will take place during her funeral parade and service, expected to be a week on Monday, although any night matches would be allowed to go ahead.

	FC Zurich.....1	
	Arsenal.....2	
	Man United.....0	
	Real Sociedad.....1	
	West Ham.....3	
	Steaua Bucharest...1	

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**FURY v AJ IN  
CARDIFF ON  
DECEMBER 3**

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# KING CHARLES III LAST NIGHT:



*The death of my beloved mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family. We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother. I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world. During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held*







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ELIZABETH II  
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A LIFE OF  
MAJESTY

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## Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926–2022



SUZANNAH LIPSCOMB

Historian, academic, TV presenter

**WHAT will history make of the Queen?**

For anyone under the age of 70, she was the only sovereign we have ever known. Millions of us have been born, have grown up and settled down with the same woman at our country's helm.

She was simply always there – what historian Peter Hennessy calls our “gilt-edged constant”.

She was the weather, the landscape and the background to all our lives. Across more than seven decades of change, she – gently and assuredly – was our solitary fixed point.

While affection for the Royal Family wavered, and society changed from being deferential to irreverential, esteem for the Queen was undimmed. Even in the 1990s – as royal marriages broke down, Windsor Castle burnt down, royal finances came under scrutiny and the tragedy of Diana, Princess of Wales unfurled – political theorists might have written of “Elizabeth the Last”. Yet her approval rating, dropping to a low of 73 per cent, was one that most politicians would kill to have.

The length of her reign alone – 70 years – guarantees her a place in the history books.

When she came to the throne, Winston Churchill still had three years to serve as Prime Minister and the British monarch still reigned in much of Africa. By the time of her death, she had long overtaken her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria's mere 63 years and 21 days on the throne to become the longest-reigning British monarch.

Surely no other king or queen will reach their Platinum Jubilee. But her place in history will be assured by far greater than longevity alone.

Of course, there are those that will disagree. She did not give her name to an age, despite attempts to make “the new Elizabethans” stick.

“She has done and said nothing that anybody will remember”, said historian David Starkey, that great contrarian. Others say she was nothing but a cipher, that it is difficult to point to any major achievements, and that the death of a British monarch changes little in practical terms.

So, what will history make of Her Majesty?

Historians will, first of all, note that she defined what the modern monarchy is. Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne at a time when the world seemed ripe with possibilities. Princess Margaret described the coronation as a “phoenix-time”. She continued, “Everything was being raised from the ashes... and nothing to stop anything getting better and better”.

The earnest and elegant young queen seemed a symbol of the age. “When I was a little boy, I read about a fairy princess,” said US President Harry Truman when they met on the Queen's first trip to New York in 1949. “And there she is.”

But the period after the Queen's accession was one that saw the contraction, not the expansion, of British power. In her reign, she presided over the country's declining geopolitical power, a social revolution, the transformation into a multicultural society and the joining and leaving of Europe. This presented a challenge: How could the country and the crown carve out a place for itself in a post-imperial world?

The way she would do it was predicted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, at her coronation. He argued that the diminution of the temporal power of the crown did not reduce the importance of her role but enhanced it.

It gave it the “possibility of a spiritual power... the power to lead, to inspire, to unite, by the Sovereign's personal character, personal convictions, personal example”. This she did.

There still exists no written code for how a constitutional monarch should function but the Queen's personality created a blueprint for the role and nature of monarchy in the modern age.

Historians will surely also note that a fundamental component to her personality – and to her historic importance – has been her unique and selfless commitment to duty.

As a young woman of 21, she broadcast from Cape Town these words: “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.” Never mind that her speech had been written by courtier Sir Alan Lascelles, she made the sentiment her own.

Her life honoured this vow. Reflecting on accession 40 years later, she said, “My father died much too young and so it was all very sudden... taking on and making the best job you can. It's a question of maturing into something... and accepting the fact that it's your fate... it's a job for life”. It certainly was.

Although in recent years the Queen handed over an increasing number of royal

responsibilities and patronages to younger family members – reducing, for example, the number of public engagements she attended from 332 in 2016 to 283 in 2018 – it remained an extraordinary and unique burden.

Prime Ministers and Presidents work horrendously long hours, but they choose and are elected to do so – and their term ends. For the Queen, it was a lifetime of service.

There was some speculation about whether she would hand over most of her duties when she turned 95 – the age at which Prince Philip withdrew from his public duties – but her 95th birthday came and went without any such announcement. She even returned to royal duties just four days after the death of her lifelong companion, the Duke of Edinburgh, to mark the retirement of William, Lord Peel as Lord Chamberlain, her household's most senior official. It was a clear indication: Duty first, self second.

In 2012, Lord Hennessy remarked, “One scans the world in vain for another 60-year example of faultless public duty”. In the end, of course, it was far more. It is not just about the quantity of years she served, but the quality of that service.

What drove such a sense of commitment? The Queen's deep Christian faith played a significant role. It is clear she also had an almost visceral reaction to the idea of abdication – the failure of responsibility that she perceived as ruining her father's life. She set herself a high bar.

Asked by former New Zealand PM Sir John Key, why she wore formal dress even on occasions when there were no crowds or cameras, she replied, “I am the last bastion of standards”.

In 1951, during her father's last illness, Princess Elizabeth presided over Trooping the Colour on Horse Guards Parade for the first time. Sat side-saddle in the scarlet tunic of the Colonel of the Grenadiers, in an otherwise all-male event, she was, as The Times put it, “A woman alone”.

In many respects, it was the epitaph of her life. The way she operated in a man's world and grappled with gender expectations will be something that future historians will ponder.

## HE was not the first queen regnant of England, but coming to the throne during the 1950s she still faced tremendous cultural prejudice against female power.

Much has been made of the fact that the Duke of Edinburgh was unable to pass his name to his children and gave up his career in support of hers, but the Queen too had to pioneer a way through the traditional gender roles of the time.

When she became Queen, she was written off in a way that no male monarch ever was – her “lovely teeth, hair, and eyes, and that amazing quality of skin” all came in for comment.

She was also only the third British monarch to be a mother, at a time when the idea of a mother working at all was looked at askance.

Being a head of state and a hands-on parent are not easily compatible roles. By modern standards her early parenting looked somewhat distant and remote. She appeared unsentimental, and was said to rarely hug or kiss her children.

Her own upbringing had been one of contradiction – full of love from parents and servants but dominated by unbending convention and the weighty expectations that came with her calling. However, she did spend half an hour in the morning and 90 minutes each evening in the nursery playing with her children, bathing them, and tucking them up in bed.

But she also left the children with their nannies for long periods of time, even before becoming Queen. When Philip returned to active naval service in October 1949 in Malta, Elizabeth joined him a month later, leaving the one-year-old Charles in the care of his nursery staff and grandparents for five weeks. When she returned, she did not see Charles for another four days.

In their month apart he had taken his first steps and got his first teeth. In 1994, Charles revealed to his biographer, Jonathan Dimbleby, he felt “emotionally estranged” from his parents and had “yearned for a different kind of affection that they had been unable or unwilling to offer”.

Did the succession of broken marriages among her children reveal something of the legacy of this patchy care? Or should this responsibility be carried by the adult children alone?

She may not always have got it right – few of us do – but, in 2012, when actress Kate Winslet was awarded a CBE, she told the Queen that she loves being a mum, and the Queen reportedly replied, “Yes. Well, that is the only job”.

In practice, her life showed how very much both motherhood and monarchy mattered to her.

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**APR 21, 1926**

Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, granddaughter of George V and Queen Mary, born at 2:40am by Caesarean section at 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair.

**MAY 3**

General Strike called by the TUC in protest at mining industry cuts. It lasts 9 days.

**MAY 29**

Princess Elizabeth christened at Buckingham Palace. She wears the Honiton gown, created by Queen Victoria for daughter Victoria in 1841, worn by 62 royal babies until it was “retired” in 2004.

**JAN 6, 1927**

She is left at home for six months as her parents go on state visits to New Zealand and Australia.

**MAY 13**

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is created, recognising Irish Free State's independence.

**SEP 30, 1928**

Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin at St Mary's Hospital, London.



## HER PLACE IN HISTORY

OUR GILT-EDGED  
CONSTANT

**ENTHRONED**  
... Her Majesty, photographed by Cecil Beaton at Buckingham Palace in 1956. When her private secretary worried that she might be too self-conscious, Beaton replied: 'If she can't sit in that throne, who can?'



**CROWNED JEWEL** ... in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace, 2001. The Imperial State Crown, used at her coronation, lies beside her

**‘She was the weather, the background, the landscape to all our lives. In 7 decades of change, our solitary fixed point’**

**OCT 24, 1929**

The Wall Street Crash leads to the Great Depression. By 1932, three million are out of work in the UK.

**AUG 21, 1930**

Elizabeth's sister Princess Margaret Rose, "Margot" to family, is born at Glamis Castle near Dundee.

**MAR, 1932**

Marion Crawford, "Crawfie", becomes governess to Elizabeth and Margaret.

**JAN, 1933**

The family move in to Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park, given to them by George V in 1931.

**JUL**

Elizabeth is given her first corgi, named Duke after her father but known as Dookie.

**JUL 30, 1935**

Penguin paperbacks are launched. The 6d books help bring literature to the masses.

**JAN 20, 1936**

George V dies, succeeded by Edward VIII, whose determination to marry US divorcee Wallis Simpson brings constitutional crisis. He abdicates on December 10.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



MY HUSBAND AND I... with Prince Philip in 1957 at Buckingham Palace. The portrait was taken by Antony Armstrong-Jones, who became Lord Snowdon after he married Princess Margaret in 1960



TONY ARMSTRONG-JONES/Camera Press

## H ERS was historically an international reign.

Fifteen countries, as well as the UK, recognised the Queen as their monarch, and she was seen in person by more subjects than any monarch in history.

But her influence stretched much further. In large part, this rested on the creation of the Commonwealth. Although the title "Head of the Commonwealth" had been acquired by George VI shortly before his death, the Commonwealth, as her biographer Robert Hardman put it, was, "one of her greatest achievements".

The Commonwealth now comprises 54 nations of around 2.5 billion people – a third of the world's population. It has existed for more than 70 years as a "unique and benign alliance of equal and independent nations".

Former Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home described it as, "an association which starts with a prejudice in favour of friendship".

It might seem curious that now, when the former British Empire is so roundly criticised, this post-imperial network of "Empire alumni" continues to flourish, but there is nothing nostalgic about it.

It profitably brings together countries that share a common working language, similar legal systems and a multitude of educational links and professional



## SUZANNAH LIPSCOMB

Historian, academic, TV presenter

associations to forge valuable new alliances. As the Queen put it in 2019: "Many millions of people around the world are drawn together because of the collective values shared by the Commonwealth... we are able to look to the future with great confidence and optimism as a result of the links that we share, and thanks to the networks of co-operation and mutual support to which we contribute, and on which we draw".

There is even a Commonwealth Beekeepers' Association – called the Sir Edmund Hillary Fund after the mountaineering beekeeper who conquered Everest, with Tenzing Norgay, just in time for the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

The Commonwealth really was the Queen's brainchild. "Without her," said former PM David Cameron, "it wouldn't have happened. It would never have got off the ground the way it did."

Until the 1990s, at every summit of the Commonwealth, the Queen had a personal audience with every single head of government.

She saw it as a family and her maternal presence had a calming and conciliatory effect on the most irascible and bullish of politicians.

She also approved and initiated

subtle changes to "de-imperialise" the Commonwealth brand, including renaming Empire Day as Commonwealth Day.

She offered Westminster Abbey as a place to hold an annual Commonwealth Day multi-faith Observance from 1972, despite the hostility of some in the Church of England to "heathen" rites being performed in an Anglican church.

It is now the largest annual inter-faith gathering in the UK. In 2018, at the last Commonwealth summit to be attended by the Queen, it featured a Maori choir, a band of Ghanaian drummers and prayers from a Sunni Muslim cleric.

As its head, she saw the job of the established Church of England as "not to defend Anglicanism to the exclusion of other religions. Instead, the Church has a duty to protect the free practice of all faiths in this country".

The Commonwealth was one way in which the Queen, and Britain, exercised soft power.

An idea developed by American political scientist Professor Joseph Nye, soft power will be central to how historians understand the Queen's reign.

Nye argued that soft power was: "The ability to produce outcomes



# QUEEN

UNITING NATIONS... the Queen walks past flags in St George's Hall, Windsor Castle, on Commonwealth Day, March 2021

### OCT 5, 1936

Two hundred jobless men walk 291 miles to London from Jarrow to highlight unemployment.

### FEB 15, 1937

The Royal Family moves from 145 Piccadilly to Buckingham Palace.

### MAY 12

George VI is crowned. Princess Elizabeth writes a "report" of the ceremony: "The arches were covered with a haze of wonder as Papa was crowned."

### SEP 27, 1938

Elizabeth is in Clydebank as her mother launches Queen Elizabeth, a cruise liner. Three days later PM Neville Chamberlain signs a treaty with Hitler promising "peace in our time".

### JUN 7, 1939

King George and Queen Elizabeth make the first state visit to the US by reigning monarchs.

### JUL 22

Princess Elizabeth, 13, visits Dartmouth Royal Naval College and is smitten by dashing 18-year-old Navy officer Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark.



**HER PLACE IN HISTORY**

through attraction rather than coercion or payment", and concluded that the monarchy – and this one particular monarch – kept Britain at the top of the "soft power charts".

As the power of Britain has declined, the monarchy has become more influential in how Britain is perceived.

This explains the worldwide interest in the royal weddings of 2011 and 2018 and the global success of Netflix drama *The Crown*.

### **IT CAME down, in short, to the appeal of the most famous woman in the world.**

Former US President Barack Obama described her as: "A source of strength and inspiration not only for the people of Britain but for millions of people around the world". American Ambassador Matthew Barzun said, "Not only is the Queen the constant for this country, but for the rest of us".

The Queen was, as former Foreign Secretary Jack Straw once put it, "The epitome of soft power".

In herself, she symbolised and projected the power and influence of the UK. But she did so with subtlety and self-deprecation.

Her former protection officer, Richard Griffin, recalls bumping into a group of American tourists during a walk with her near Balmoral. They asked the Queen if she lived in the area, and she responded that she had a house

close by. "And have you ever met the Queen?" they asked.

"No," she replied, pointing to Griffin. "But he has."

The tourists may not have realised who they were speaking to, but few who met the Queen ever forgot it.

Her Majesty met every mover and shaker going. Her long reign saw her through 18 general elections and 14 British Prime Ministers.

She shook hands with 15 Presidents of the United States – every American president since World War Two except Lyndon B Johnson – plus Herbert Hoover 20 years after he was in office. And she met everyone who was anyone, from Marilyn Monroe and The Beatles to Dame Judi Dench and Beyoncé.

On her first tour of Canada in 1951 she met Benjamin Mansell of Springfield Junction, Nova Scotia, who had served in Afghanistan in 1878. "The Queen must therefore," wrote biographer Hardman, "be the only person who has heard first-hand accounts of both the Anglo-Afghan War of 1878 and the 21st Century Afghan war against the Taliban" – the latter first-hand from her grandson Harry.

Like her mother had been for those in the bombed East End in wartime, Queen Elizabeth II was a comfort to those she met.

Much was made in *The Crown* of her delay in visiting the mining village of Aberfan in South Wales after a pit-heap collapse killed 144 people, mostly children, in October 1966. She held back for six days not to interrupt the rescue work – and regretted it ever after. But those who

met her at Aberfan were touched by the way she shared their tears.

Beatrice Williams, who lost seven relatives in the disaster, said afterwards, "She was very upset. She was the most charming person I have ever met in my life. Really down to earth".

The Queen's meetings also made history. Many of her visits have been genuinely historic moments that represented a national turning point – and sometimes at great personal cost.

Twenty years after the end of World War Two, she led a reconciliatory state visit to Germany in 1965.

In 1986, she visited China and met Deng Xiaoping, the revolutionary who became leader of the People's Republic. A decade later, she visited the Czech Republic, only three years after its creation out of Czechoslovakia.

On her visit to Russia in 1994, she not only met President Boris Yeltsin just after the Cold War ended but visited the tombs of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra, who had been murdered with their children by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

The Tsarina was Prince Philip's

great-aunt; just three years earlier his DNA had been used to identify their remains.

And on a 2011 visit to Ireland – where no British monarch had gone for a century – the Queen wore emerald-green and visited the Dublin memorial to those who died fighting for Irish independence. The next year, in Belfast, she shook hands with Martin McGuinness, said to have been IRA chief of staff in 1979 when

Prince Philip's beloved uncle "Dickie" Mountbatten was murdered in a terrorist bomb attack. David Cameron described that handshake as "the most transformative bit of diplomacy I have seen".

Everyone saw her shake hands, but no one knew what she thought – and that was to her credit.

Her discretion and reserve were legendary. She deliberately kept her political views private and maintained neutrality.

She did not try to be liked and was unconcerned with self-promotion.

In an age of pretentious celebrities and emotional display, the Queen was of a rare emotional make-up.

"I suppose it's a contradiction in terms," said Sir David Attenborough

of the Queen. "But the word that comes to mind is modest." Yet it must have taken great courage and steely nerve at times to remain steadfastly neutral – to allow oneself to be traduced and maligned, and one's views misrepresented, without ever offering a word of rebuttal.

Another of her biographers, the late Ben Pimlott, described her as a "Distillation of national identity". In truth, she embodied what we like to think of as the British character, but few of us practise it as she could.

In Winston Churchill's broadcast to the nation on February 7, 1952, he said: "Famous have been the reigns of our Queens. Some of the greatest periods in our history have unfolded under their sceptre".

In the reign of this Queen, the Empire decolonised, the welfare system was created, healthcare became free for all at the point of delivery, our society was transformed by millions of immigrants, the role and status of women was reshaped, homosexuality was decriminalised, and previously unimaginable advances were made in science, technology and medicine.

Everything changed – but the Queen did not. When all was at sea, her presence provided the sense of an anchor.

When Sir Roger du Boulay was appointed Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps in 1975, he recalled the Queen's private secretary, Martin Charteris, saying to him, "Now look, I want you to understand. The Queen matters!"

Maybe only now we will realise how much.



# OF 2½ BILLION

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PEOPLE POWER  
... speaking to more than 250,000 at Ramliia Ground, a meeting place outside the walls of Old Delhi, on her state visit to India, January 1961

**SEP 3**

War with Germany is declared. King George tells the nation: "It is unthinkable that we should refuse to meet the challenge."

**MAY 12, 1940**

Elizabeth and Margaret move to Windsor Castle, where they remain for most of the war.

**OCT 13**

Elizabeth's first public speech, a radio address to child evacuees: "We know, every one of us, that in the end all will be well."

**FEB 24, 1942**

Elizabeth becomes Colonel of the Grenadier Guards. On April 21, her 16th birthday, she inspects the regiment at Windsor, her first public engagement.

**FEB 1944**

Hero Battle of Britain pilot Group Capt Peter Townsend becomes equerry to George VI. Elizabeth tells her 13-year-old sister: "Bad luck, he's married."

**JUN 6**

D-Day. Allied forces attack German forces in Normandy.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926-2022



**BRIAN HOEY**

Writer & broadcaster

**S**HE arrived in the middle of a national crisis.

When Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary of York was born at 2.40am on April 21, 1926, in the calm of a Mayfair townhouse, Britain was days away from the General Strike.

Tangled talks to avert the TUC shutdown were failing. Some feared it would start a socialist revolution that would sweep the old order away – just as had happened with baby Elizabeth's royal relations in Russia nine years earlier.

Under an absurd tradition from 1688 – when James II's Queen Mary was accused of sneaking in a male baby in a warming pan to ensure a Catholic heir – the Home Secretary had to witness all royal births.

So Sir William Joynson-Hicks had to tear himself away from strike talks with coal bosses to hang around in the drawing room at 17 Burton Street and await the arrival.

Reporters camped outside the townhouse in weather so appalling that father-to-be the Duke of York sent out coffee and sandwiches.

In a difficult labour, his 25-year-old wife gave birth by Caesarean, or in the phrase of the time, "a certain course of treatment".

The parents were overjoyed. The Duchess of York, Scottish society beauty Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, had always wanted a girl. Her husband, 30-year-old Prince Bertie, the socially introverted second royal son with a debilitating stammer, declared his "happiness complete".

Elizabeth's birth was noted across the Empire, with the Viceroy of India ordering bells to be rung.

King George visited with Queen Mary, who reported: "Such a relief and joy... a little darling with lovely complexion and pretty fair hair."

The little darling was never expected to be Queen. She was third in line to the throne, after her uncle the Prince of Wales and her father – and she was expected to slip further down in time.

The Prince of Wales was only 31. He would surely marry and produce his own heirs. Elizabeth's mother, only 25, would be likely to have sons, who would go ahead of her newborn in the royal line.

Such was the princess's unimportance that she was allowed to be born at a private house, the London home of her mother's parents. All previous monarchs had been born in castles or palaces.

A small crowd of well-wishers had formed on the day of her birth and stayed for weeks. But to escape the larger General Strike throngs, Elizabeth's pram was smuggled out by the back door.

The strike lasted just nine days, with 1.7million stopping work. The upper and middle classes had volunteered as "key workers".

On May 29, Elizabeth was christened with water from the River Jordan in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace before six godparents: Grandfathers George V and Claude, grandmother Queen Mary, two aunts and one great-uncle, 76-year-old Prince Arthur, Queen Victoria's last surviving son.

The baby, just over a month old, wore a lace gown that great-great-grandmother Victoria had used at the christening of her first child, Princess Victoria, in 1841.

For her first few years Elizabeth was looked after by the formidable Clara Knight, an ultra-strict yet kindly nanny who had brought up her mother. Clara, entirely unmodern, controlled Elizabeth's every moment.

She was regaled with stories of "when mummy was a little girl" and allowed only one toy at a time.

The princess called Clara "Alla", a nickname that stuck. Elizabeth found her own name a mouthful too – calling herself *Tillabet*, *Lisabet* and



SMALL YORK... Duke and Duchess, Bertie and Elizabeth, with their baby



CHRISTENING... from left, aunt Lady Elphinstone, Prince Arthur, Queen Mary, King George, Duchess & Duke of York, Countess and Earl Strathmore, aunt Princess Mary



SISTERS... Elizabeth with Margaret and their mother in 1940

*Lillibeth* before eventually arriving at *Lilibet*, the name her family called her for life.

She spent her first summer at Glamis Castle in Forfarshire, home of her grandparents – the first of many childhood trips to Scotland. In January 1927, with Elizabeth nine months old, her parents left on a six-month tour of Australia and New Zealand. It was an ordeal for Bertie, whose boyhood shyness had developed into a stammer which made him a hopeless public speaker.

The gruelling tour, including a speech opening the Australian parliament in the new capital of Canberra, was his first big test in royal life and deemed a success.

Hailed by crowds, the couple were bombarded with good wishes – and three tons of toys for "Baby Betty".

At a welcome home reception in Buckingham Palace, the Duchess grabbed Elizabeth from her nurse,

hugging and kissing her and saying, "Oh, you little darling!"

The following year, with the princess 14 months old, her parents acquired their first home of their own. In June 1927 the family moved into 145 Piccadilly, a five-storey pile down the road from the palace. It had 26 bedrooms, a ballroom, an electric lift and a garden with a gate that led to Hyde Park.

And while the Duke of York was determined it would be a relaxed and intimate family home, he still insisted on a red carpet in the nursery.

One-Four-Five, as the family called it, was destroyed by a

German bomb in 1940. But for a few years it was the centre of what Elizabeth recalled as an idyllic childhood, surrounded by love and laughter – and doting, tactile, attention from her parents that was unusual in families of their social sphere.

The princess's nursery was at the top of the house, amid the servants' quarters, and her great joy was to play with her thirty 12in toy horses, whose saddles and harnesses she would polish before bed.

Every morning Elizabeth would run into her parents' bedroom for what they called "high jinks".

She popped in to see her mother and father every morning right up to the day she

was married in 1947. She was also close to her grandfather, who she called "Grandpa England".

**T**HE austere and intimidating King softened whenever she was around.

He would interrupt meetings to play with her, giving her a ride on his back in her favourite game of pony, or get down on all fours to be led around by his beard in "horse and groom".

In 1928 when King George was dangerously ill with blood poisoning, visits from Elizabeth were "prescribed" to cheer him up. Uncle David – Prince of Wales and the future Edward VIII – was perhaps Elizabeth's most constant visitor, joining games of Snap and Happy Families. He also gave her

THAT'S MY CURL... Elizabeth aged two

MARCUS ADAMS/Camera Press



PRAM MA'AM... just before her first birthday at her grandparents' home in Hertfordshire

**JUL 22**

Elizabeth, 18, carries out duties as head of state for the first time as George VI visits troops in Italy.

**FEB 24, 1945**

Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service, ranked 2nd Subaltern, a truck driver in the Windsor Unit.

**MAY 8**

VE Day. Elizabeth and Margaret sneak out of Buckingham Palace to join celebrating crowds.

**AUG 15**

VJ Day. The war is over as Japan surrenders.

**AUG 1946**

Prince Philip proposes to Elizabeth at Balmoral. The engagement is kept secret until the next year.

**AUG 6**

Family Allowance payments begin, 5 shillings for 2nd child onwards.

**APR 21, 1947**

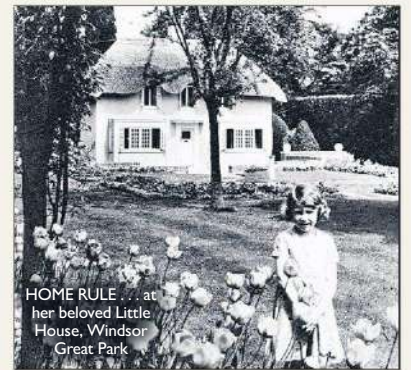
On her 21st birthday, broadcasting from South Africa, Elizabeth says: "I declare that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

**JUL 9**

Elizabeth and Philip announce that they are engaged.



## HER BEGINNINGS



HOME RULE ... at her beloved Little House, Windsor Great Park

ELEANOR SPRAWSON

**ELIZABETH** called it "the Little House" - but it may have been the biggest Wendy house in the world.

The house in question was a two-thirds-size thatched cottage in Windsor Great Park, made by the people of Wales using materials from Wales as a present for Elizabeth's sixth birthday in 1932.

Built to a child's scale so adults could visit only on their knees, it was perfect in every detail, including a living room, electric lights, radio, books, pots and pans, food cans, chintz curtains, a gas cooker and fridge. Hot water even came out of the tap in the kitchen sink.

Called "Y Bwthyn Bach" in Welsh, the house was Elizabeth and Margaret's favourite toy for many years. It first appeared at the Ideal Home Exhibition in Olympia, West London, before being moved to Windsor. And it suited Elizabeth - "a very neat child", according to her governess Marion "Crawfie" Crawford.

"The girls cleaned and dusted it," she wrote. "When it was time to return to London, Lilibet carefully put away blankets and linen, covered the furniture in dust sheets and wrapped the silver in newspaper 'to prevent it getting tarnished'."

With 1930s unemployment high in Wales, some observers said the house was a poignant demonstration of the ingenuity of a workforce whose skills were being tragically wasted.



A HUG'S LIFE ... with a corgi in 1936

ELEANOR SPRAWSON

**ELIZABETH** met her first corgi when she was six years old. It was a momentous occasion both for her and for the breed.

At that time, the working dogs - bred to round up sheep and cattle by nipping their heels - were virtually unknown outside Wales. But family friend Viscount Weymouth owned one and on a visit to play there in 1933, the princess was smitten.

So months later the family selected their own puppy from the viscount's breeder, Thelma Gray.

As the reddish pup was not ready to leave his mum, Thelma kept him a while but started calling him "the Duke" in honour of his future owner.

This was soon shortened to "Dookie" and the name stuck. Elizabeth, who was by then seven, soon had Dookie schooled in tricks, using chocolate cake as a reward. His best party turn was "playing leapfrog" by jumping over the back of Elizabeth's three-year-old sister Margaret.

But it was corgi Susan, a gift for Elizabeth's 18th birthday, that was to become the most famous.

The pair were inseparable, with Susan even coming on Elizabeth and Philip's honeymoon.

And Susan became the founder of a corgi dynasty. The next 14 generations of the Queen's pets descended from the ginger-furred matriarch.

NOW WE ARE SIX ... the Princess in 1934

# THE MOST FAMOUS GIRL IN THE WORLD

AA Milne's books *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *When We Were Very Young*, as well as her very first dog, a Cairn terrier.

Beyond this innocent existence, lived without any security and open for every passer-by to see, Elizabeth was the most famous little girl in the world.

By the time she was three she had appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine. Newspapers were beginning the feeding frenzy that would last for her whole life.

A Hollywood studio asked if they could sign her to a movie contract. When they were refused, they created their own little "princess" in Shirley Temple.

When Elizabeth was four, her sister Margaret Rose was born. The princess called her Bud "as she is not a full-grown rose yet".

King George forbade school, saying the only thing Elizabeth had



COVER GIRL ... making the news on the front of *Time* magazine in 1929

to learn was good hand-writing. But the Duke and Duchess were determined their children should have as normal an upbringing as possible. Lilibet played with neighbours' children, including Sonia Graham-Hodgson. Sonia later recalled: "She was thoughtful and sensitive. She never seemed aware of her position and paid no attention to people who stood by the railings to watch her."

Queen Mary was delighted with Elizabeth's upbringing. "She leads such a simple life," she said. "And is always punished when she's naughty."

With Alla looking after Margaret, a new influence came into the princess's life - under-nurse Margaret MacDonald, a gardener's daughter from Inverness-shire who would serve Elizabeth for 67 years. "Bobo," as she was known, became the Queen's

dresser and her trusted confidante, able to tell her things about herself others could not. When Elizabeth was five, a new companion arrived - governess Marion Crawford, a 22-year-old teacher from Dunfermline. The girls' relationship with "Crawfie" was to end in betrayal and sadness when the governess published a "discreet and loving memoir", but for the rest of their childhood years she was a light in their lives.

The princess was just nine when her beloved George V died on January 20, 1936, aged 70. When she broke down in tears, Queen Mary explained that royals do not display sadness or happiness in public. It was a lesson she never forgot.

With Edward VIII King, she was now second in line. And though not old enough to fully appreciate the implications, she knew the world had shifted enough to ask her governess: "Oh, Crawfie, ought we to play?"

## AUG 15

India becomes independent from Britain. Pakistan is created.

## NOV 20

Elizabeth and Philip marry at Westminster Abbey. 200million listen on BBC radio. The gown is paid for with clothing coupons.

## JUN 21, 1948

The SS Empire Windrush docks at Tilbury carrying 500 people from the Caribbean, the start of significant immigration from the Commonwealth.

## JUL 5

The NHS is launched. Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan opens Park Hospital, Manchester, the world's first "free" hospital.

## DEC 21

The Republic of Ireland Declaration becomes law, ending the last British control over southern Ireland.

## APR 26, 1949

The London Declaration sets up the modern Commonwealth.

## JUN 8

George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is published.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



THE GOVERNESS... princesses with Crawfie on a trip to the YVCA in London, 1939

## GOVERNESS Marion Crawford was adored by Elizabeth.

But her name became a royal byword for treachery after she wrote a book about the princesses, serialised in a US magazine.

Any servant who later sold a story was said to have "done a Crawfie". "She snaked," was the withering verdict of one royal family member more than 40 years later.

Marion was the first to discover the lucrative market for royal stories, then the first to experience the royals' icy, unforgiving rage. For Elizabeth, it was the first betrayal of a sort she would have to contend with for the rest of her days.

Because of her intimate insight into such a vital part of the Queen's life, Crawford has been described as "the most important royal historian of the 20th Century".

She was just 22 when she joined the household in March 1932 as teacher to five-year-old Lilibet.

Daughter of an engineer's clerk from Dunfermline, she had trained as a teacher in Edinburgh and was studying child psychology when a summer job as governess for Lord Elgin's children changed her plans. At the Elgins, the Duchess of York spotted Marion's talents and wooed her to London.

She was an instant hit with Lilibet, who soon nicknamed her *Crawfie*, but she didn't always agree with the princesses' upbringing.

She deplored the girls' lack of world knowledge and was startled that they had never been allowed to "get grubby". She taught the princesses to play "Red Indians" in the shrubbery, took them to swimming classes and showed them how to do the Lambeth Walk. She introduced them to public transport with a trip on the Tube, got them camping with Girl Guides in the garden, and went Christmas shopping with Elizabeth at Woolworths. The girls loved her. And so did their parents. As George VI told the governess: "Crawfie, we couldn't do it without you."

By 1949, with the girls grown up, Crawford had retired aged 40. As thanks for her 17 years of service she was given a grace-and-favour home, Nottingham Cottage at Kensington Palace, later home to Prince Harry and new bride Meghan.

## ELEANOR SPRAWSON

Then things began to go wrong. American magazine *Ladies' Home Journal* approached the Palace seeking authorised articles on Princess Elizabeth. The Queen thought it might be a good way to boost transatlantic relations, so a courtier was assigned to write the articles and Crawford was asked to provide stories about the princess.

But Crawford's husband, bank manager George Butthlay, was annoyed the courtier would be the one getting the cash and he convinced her to seek permission from Queen Elizabeth to write her own account. The Queen wrote in reply: "I do feel, most definitely, that you should not write and sign articles about the children. People in positions of confidence with us must be utterly oyster [tight-lipped]."

But Butthlay assured Crawford she would ultimately win them round and persuaded her to sign a deal with *Ladies' Home Journal* to serialise the story that would then be released as a book, *The Little Princesses*.

The contract was reportedly worth £85,000, nearly £3million today. In October 1949, ahead of publication, the Queen Mother was sent a manuscript by the magazine, which expected royal approval for the charming, inoffensive stories, such as how Lilibet tipped ink over herself in protest against a French teacher who made her write "endless columns of verbs", and how she declared she would marry a farmer, saying: "I shall have lots of cows, horses and children".

After reading it, the Queen told a friend: "The governess has gone off her head." None of the royals ever saw her or spoke to her again.

The book was a huge hit, but Crawford was heartbroken. She fled to Aberdeen, buying a home near Balmoral which the Royal Family would regularly pass. They never stopped.

Eventually, she attempted suicide, leaving a note which read: "The world has passed me by and I can't bear those I love to pass me by on the road."

Crawfie died at a nursing home in 1988 aged 78. No royal attended the funeral or sent flowers.



CRAWFUL SHAME... Marion and, below, her book



## EDWARD VIII's reign lasted only 327 days. Then came the event that changed not only British history, but the life of the young Princess.

"Uncle David", who had not yet been crowned, abdicated on December 11, 1936, to marry American soon-to-be-divorcee Wallis Simpson.

Edward would become the Duke of Windsor and spend the rest of his life abroad, while his younger brother Bertie became King George VI. Elizabeth, just ten years old, was heir to the throne. It was a crisis that rocked the monarchy... but also proved it a rock-solid institution.

A day after the abdication, Elizabeth was required to make her first curtsy to her father as King. Governess Crawford had made the princess and sister Margaret practise until they had the move exactly right.

They did it perfectly. But their father was distressed at seeing such formality from his girls. It hit home that things would never be quite the same again.

Elizabeth, too, feared for the future. She is said to have "prayed for a brother" to take her place as heir.

Another time, Margaret asked her: "Does it mean you will have to be the next Queen?" "Yes, some day," said Elizabeth. "Poor you," Margaret replied.

Their father's elevation also meant they had to leave their beloved home at 145 Piccadilly and move down the road to Buckingham Palace. It was February 15, 1937.

Crawfie was intent on easing the upheaval with activity. As well as giving lessons in history, geography, grammar, literature, poetry and composition (Crawfie was "hopeless at maths"), she took the girls swimming at the fashionable London Bath Club. Members were banned from changing rooms while the sisters used them. Soon they were the holders of life-saving certificates, to the pride of their father. "I don't know how they do it," he announced.

Crawfie also set up a palace Girl Guides company and 20 hand-picked girls would join the sisters on Wednesdays, occasionally camping in the grounds.

For Elizabeth, it was a rare contact with "outsiders" and



BRIAN HOEY

she and Margaret mixed well. But Elizabeth was conscious that she was different.

Guide leader Lady Patricia Mountbatten, a lifelong friend, recalled: "She was very aware that how she was seen to behave was important."

"For instance, she couldn't burst into tears. If she hurt her knee she knew she must try not to cry."

Elizabeth found other amusements. The palace sentries had to present arms when she passed – and she could not resist going back and forth to see the salute repeated.

The coronation of King George VI took place at Westminster Abbey on May 12, 1937, a few weeks after Elizabeth turned 11. She and her sister, aged six, dressed in near-identical outfits of lace dresses and cloaks edged with ermine – although as heir Elizabeth was allowed a short train, which annoyed Margaret.

Afterwards, Elizabeth wrote an essay for her parents to record the big day, entitled, "To Mummy and Papa, In Memory of Their Coronation. From Lilibet, by Herself." It included the lines: "I thought it all very, very wonderful and I expect the Abbey did, too. The arches and beams at the top were covered with a sort of haze of wonder as Papa was crowned, at least I thought so."

It was soon time for Elizabeth to begin her training as monarch-in-waiting, and to boost her unambitious schooling. Queen Mary appointed herself tutor in matters of monarchy, getting her to study maps of the world, with the countries coloured pink being the parts of the Empire she would one day rule.

At 13, she began twice-weekly lessons in history and monarchy with Sir Henry Marten, Vice-Provost of Eton College. Her essays were occasionally marked "N" for Nonsense.

Marten taught her that the key



WAVE DONE IT... Elizabeth, Margaret, King and Queen on Buckingham Palace balcony after the Coronation, May 12, 1937



ON THE HEIR... Elizabeth and Margaret's first broadcast, on BBC Children's Hour in 1940



SCHOOL MA'AM... studying at Windsor Castle, June, 1940



DESK JOB... watching the King go through his government red boxes in 1942

**NOV 14, 1948**

Princess Elizabeth has her first child, Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, at Buckingham Palace.

**NOV 20, 1949**

She begins a rare taste of "normal" life, living in Malta, where Prince Philip is serving in the Navy.

**AUG 15, 1950**

Princess Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise is born at Clarence House, her parents' home in The Mall.

**OCT 26, 1951**

Winston Churchill becomes PM for the second time aged 76.

**FEB 6, 1952**

George VI dies of a heart attack in his sleep at Sandringham aged 56. Elizabeth learns she is Queen while on safari with Philip in Kenya.

**MAR 24, 1953**

Queen Mary dies aged 85.

**APR**

Peter Townsend, now divorced, proposes to Princess Margaret.

**APR 25**

Cambridge scientists James Watson & Francis Crick are first to describe DNA.



to the success of the British monarchy — exceeded in longevity only by the Papacy — had been its adaptability. A huge development, he said, was the arrival of broadcasting, which the crown could use to foster allegiance among its millions of “subjects”. How prescient that theory proved.

There was much insistence that Elizabeth was not turned into an “intellectual” — Queen Mary wanted her to be a “practical” princess. To that end she began taking cooking lessons in the Royal Lodge kitchens.

Throughout childhood, Elizabeth had daily “silent reading”, where she covered classics by the likes of Robert Louis Stevenson, Jane Austen, Rudyard Kipling, the Bronte sisters, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Charles Dickens and Anthony Trollope. As a child, and an adult, she loved historical fiction best.

But for six years, Elizabeth also consumed the definitive work on parliament and the crown: The Law And Custom Of The Constitution, by 19th Century politician/lawyer Sir William Anson. She painstakingly underlined and annotated the packed text, immersing herself in the details of legislative procedure.

As Queen, Prime Ministers would be impressed by her probing questions and mastery of constitutional niceties.

The King and Queen hired Paris-educated Belgian, socialite Marie-Antoinette de Bellaigue to teach French literature and history. “Toni”, as the princesses called her, insisted they speak French at meals and Elizabeth was soon impressively fluent.

Most of this education happened at Windsor, where the princesses had been moved at the outbreak of World War Two. As the conflict loomed in May 1939, the King and Queen made a six-week tour of North America to show “solidarity” with Canada and the US. With the parents away, Queen Mary took 13-year-old Elizabeth on “educational” trips — one was to see the gold at the Bank of England. She and Margaret spoke to their mother and father in the first royal transatlantic phone call, nudging a corgi to make it bark down the line.

The Royal Family had a “good” war, in which much of the abdication damage was repaired. Although they had no part in politics or operations, the King was a symbol the nation rallied round and the government was acutely aware of the royals’ value as a morale-boosting propaganda tool.

The princesses’ whereabouts were kept strictly secret — in fact, they spent nearly all of the war at Windsor Castle. “We went for a weekend,” recalled Princess Margaret, “and stayed

for five years.” At first, they slept in the dungeons. They ate with Crawfie in the State Dining room, although single lightbulbs had replaced chandeliers. The King and Queen were at Buckingham Palace, visiting Windsor at weekends.

The Ministry of Information was keen to portray the royals as a “family of families”, stoically bearing the troubles and privations of war, an ideal that was “immune to the threat of vile dictators”. Historian Ben Pimlott says Elizabeth and Margaret, “Became symbols of what the fighting was about”.

And because only selected details of their lives were revealed, they were, “magical princesses whose fate was linked to the national destiny”.

The combination of the King’s social awkwardness, the Queen’s great ability to get along with anyone and the princesses’ down-to-earth ease had a powerful appeal to the country in a time of deep crisis. Playwright Noel Coward called it, “An exhibition of unqualified niceness”.

## **D**URING Britain’s darkest hour, Elizabeth was called into action — and made her first speech to the world.

BBC Radio’s Children’s Hour on October 13, 1940, was broadcast to Britain, the Commonwealth and the US.

It would, as BBC director-general Frederick Ogilvie said, “Reach the minds of millions with a singular poignancy”. It was also intended to influence American adult opinion in favour of joining the war.

In a high-pitched voice, Elizabeth read a carefully prepared text: “Thousands of you have had to leave your homes and be separated from your father and mother. My sister Margaret Rose and I feel so much for you, as we know from experience what it means to be away from those we love most of all.”

It ended with a comforting assertion: “We know, every one of us, that in the end all will be well.”

The PM’s private secretary Jock Colville was delighted.

“If the monarchy survives,” he wrote, “she should be a

most successful radio Queen”. The broadcast made front page news across the world. The royal sisters did all the right things. They dug for victory, knitted garments for the military and Elizabeth, on five shillings pocket money a week, gave half to the war effort.

Between 1941 and 1944 they put on and starred in fundraising pantos at Windsor.

In February 1942, aged 15, the princess became the youngest ever Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier Guards. On her 16th birthday she inspected the regiment in her first official public engagement — more than 24,000 would follow in her lifetime.

By the time of her 18th birthday in April 1944, Elizabeth had her own private sitting room at Windsor so she could receive official visitors. She was given a “household” of her own, including a lady-in-waiting. She became a Counsellor of State, an official representative of the King in his absence, and signed Acts of Parliament into law. Just before her 19th birthday in April 1945, Elizabeth volunteered for military service and was accepted into the Auxiliary Territorial Service: 2nd Subaltern Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, 230873. A number that, like every serviceman and woman, she would remember for the rest of her days.

The King was not enthusiastic, feeling it would remove the mystique essential to royalty. But he finally gave permission on one condition: She had to return to Windsor Castle every night. The princess very reluctantly agreed. Her service career was brief but she learned to drive and service heavy lorries.

She later said it was the only time she had been tested against people of her own age — and proudly declared she could still change the carburettor on a five-tonner if ever required.

VE Day, May 8, 1945, was the last time Princess Elizabeth was “one of the people”. After the family hailed the crowds at Buckingham Palace, 14-year-old Margaret suggested she and Elizabeth and several Guards officer friends should go out.

Such was the celebratory mood the King and Queen agreed and, accompanied by a police sergeant, they wandered unrecognised among revellers in Parliament Square, Piccadilly and Green Park. They did the Hokey Cokey and joined crowds at the palace railings chanting, “We want the King!” — then sent someone inside to tell him to come out.

Elizabeth said it was one of the most exhilarating moments of her life. That night, the King wrote in his diary: “Poor darlings, they have never had any fun yet.”



**CENTRE OF ATTENTHUN...**  
her 16th birthday, April 1942, the day she carried out her first public engagement as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards



# THE APPRENTICE



**LIFE OF SERVICE**  
... as a Sea Ranger in Dartmouth, 1944, and below, as an ATS mechanic, changing the plugs on an Army car at Windsor, 1945

## **MAY 29**

Mt Everest is conquered for the first time, by New Zealand explorer Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in a British-led expedition.

## **JUN 2**

Elizabeth II is crowned at Westminster Abbey. It is watched by 27 million in the UK and millions more abroad.

## **NOV 24**

The Queen and Philip begin a six-month Commonwealth tour: 13 countries, 40,000 miles, across the Caribbean, Australasia, Asia, Africa.

## **DEC 25**

The Queen delivers her Christmas message on live radio from 12,000 miles away in Auckland, New Zealand.

## **JUL 4, 1954**

14 years of food rationing ends. The London Housewives' Association celebrates in Trafalgar Square.

## **APR 5, 1955**

Winston Churchill stands down as PM, his health declining. Anthony Eden succeeds him and in May wins a 60-seat Tory majority.

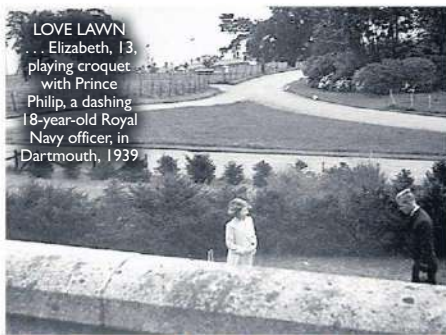


# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926-2022

## LOVE LAWN

... Elizabeth, 13, playing croquet with Prince Philip, a dashing 18-year-old Royal Navy officer, in Dartmouth, 1939



ROYAL ENGAGEMENT ... the couple, after keeping their love secret for four years, announce they are to marry, July 1947



WE DO ... with a 15ft train and 2,500 guests, Princess Elizabeth and Philip marry at Westminster Abbey



HOWDY, PARTNERS ... country dancing in Ottawa, Canada, 1951

**J**OY lit up Princess Elizabeth's face as she raced around the deck of HMS Vanguard playing tag with sailors. And no wonder - she had a glorious secret.

The 20-year-old was head-over-heels in love with a handsome prince, and secretly engaged to be married. George VI had insisted she wait until after a tour of southern Africa at the start of 1947 before the engagement was announced.

The trip would include an important radio speech to the Commonwealth to mark her 21st birthday and coming of age, and the King did not want the romance to steal the limelight.

So, as she would always do, Elizabeth put her duty ahead of her personal life. But there was no mistaking her happiness as she and her family made their voyage towards Cape Town on a three-and-a-half-month tour. It was her first trip abroad, and her future was bright.

Elizabeth had first met the penniless Prince Philip of Greece when she was just 13. They were photographed playing croquet, his head bowed, her look challenging.

He was an 18-year-old naval cadet who had been tasked by his uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten, with entertaining Elizabeth and her eight-year-old sister Margaret while their father inspected the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth in July 1939.

Afterwards the King invited some of the officers for refreshments with his family on their yacht, the Victoria and Albert, including the "fair-haired boy" who had been so kind to his daughters. Mountbatten noted in his diary that night: "Philip came back aboard V&A for tea and was a great success with the children."

Indeed, Philip had impressed the young Margaret by how much he could eat. As for Elizabeth, she had been unusually silent. Mountbatten years later told Prince Charles that from the day his mother met Philip, she had never seriously looked at another man. It was true.

The third cousins began to write to one another, but they met only occasionally in the following years while Philip was away serving in World War Two.

The young midshipman was welcomed by the royals when he was on leave, and in 1943 was even invited to spend Christmas at Windsor.

Elizabeth's governess Crawfie noted there was something different about the 17-year-old princess. She wrote: "There was a sparkle about her none of us had ever seen."

Her father refused to accept that his Lilibet could be serious about the first man she had fallen for. Anyway, he told his mother Queen Mary, she was far too young for marriage.

Nevertheless, Elizabeth was already determined that she would one day marry Philip.

Small problems like his Greek nationality and lack of money did not put her off. And Crawfie said it was, "obvious to all of us that he was very much in love".

The dashing officer would dine whenever he could with Elizabeth and Margaret in their old nursery. Meanwhile, Philip's uncle "Dickie" Mountbatten hoped for the best.

He was a great one for dynastic mergers, and to see the son of his eldest sister courting the future queen was very satisfying.

In fact, one courtier said of the romance: "Dickie seems to have planned it in his own mind."

After the war ended, Philip took a job instructing cadets at Corsham in Wiltshire and stayed with the royals on weekends and holidays. The pair were soon enjoying the fun of peacetime - and discovering shared hobbies. Elizabeth revealed in a letter: "We both love dancing - we've danced at Ciro's and Quaglino's as well as at parties."

Still, when Philip came to stay at Balmoral for six weeks in the summer of 1946, Elizabeth did not allow herself to expect too much.

But it was there amid the dramatic Scottish landscape that Philip proposed beside a loch, with curlews crying overhead.

The King liked Philip and admired his determination to become the best at everything he did. But he insisted there was no announcement.

The family were busily planning their tour of southern Africa to shore up support for the fraying Empire. The young queen-to-be was to be the star attraction, the tour designed to launch her as a fully fledged royal.

The family set off from Portsmouth aboard the battleship Vanguard on February 1, 1947 - the first foreign tour for Elizabeth and Margaret.

Elizabeth's high spirits were evident, but when it came time for the trip's biggest moment, she showed how remarkably serious she could be. In Cape Town on April 21, her 21st birthday, she gave an astonishing radio speech to her future subjects across the world, committing herself to a lifetime of devoted service.

Meanwhile, back in England, Mountbatten was busily smoothing the way for the young couple. Greek-born Philip became a naturalised British subject and adopted a new surname - Mountbatten. It was thought more



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acceptable to the British than his original: Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg.

By the time the royals steamed back into Portsmouth aboard their battleship on May 12, everything was in order. And Elizabeth seemed more in love than ever.

Crawfie recalled in her book *The Little Princesses*: "I noticed that suddenly she began to play her gramophone more than usual, and that her favourite tune of the moment was *People Will Say We're In Love*."

Finally, on July 9, 1947, Elizabeth's engagement to Philip was announced. In photos, the princess proudly displayed her engagement ring. It had been designed by her future husband and was made up of 11 diamonds including a central solitaire that had once been part of a tiara owned by his mother, Princess Alice of Battenberg.

The wedding was set for November 20, and it was to be a grand celebration at Westminster Abbey to cheer up the nation after the ravages and privations of war.

The guest list of 2,500 included the remaining royal families of Europe - complete with six kings and seven queens, some from a rag-bag of declining monarchies, most of whom were related to Philip and Elizabeth.

Among the omissions were Philip's three sisters who had married Germans, two of them Nazis. On the big day, broadcast live on BBC radio, 21-year-old Elizabeth rode to the Abbey with her father in the Irish State Coach. She walked down the aisle in an ivory satin Norman Hartnell gown with a 15ft train.

Philip gave her a ring made from Welsh gold. The inside was inscribed with a secret message that only he, Elizabeth and the engraver ever knew.

But he also gave her another special gift too: That morning he had given up smoking. Elizabeth hated cigarettes because of the damage they had done to her father's health.

**A**fter the ceremony, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon at the Mountbatten family seat of Broadlands near Romsey in Hampshire.

Three weeks later they were back home at Buckingham Palace and it was there, just shy of one year on, that Prince Charles was born. His arrival on November 14, 1948, was greeted by peals of bells at Westminster Abbey, while the fountains of Trafalgar Square were floodlit blue "for a boy".

Elizabeth had a 30-hour labour, during which Philip was sent away to work off his nervous energy with a game of squash and a swim in the palace pool. He had driven everyone mad with his pacing up and down.

By the time Charles was 20 months old, he had a baby sister. Anne was born on August 15, 1950, in her parents' new marital home, Clarence House.

Philip had dashed to London from his naval duties in Malta to await her arrival, but was soon back on the sun-soaked island.

He had been posted to the British colony in 1949 as second-in-command of the lead ship in the Mediterranean fleet, HMS Chequers.

And while duty and motherhood kept Elizabeth in England for much of the time, she made as many lengthy trips as she could to be with her husband.

There she could live something approaching the normal life of a Navy wife, and she loved it.

The princess was able to drive to the shops, visit the hairdresser, attend dances at the local hotel and, of course, soak up the heat.

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And by mid-1951, Philip gave up his active career in order to support Elizabeth back in England as she took on ever more responsibilities.

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SEP 22

ITV's first broadcast, a variety show with Hughie Green and Harry Secombe.

OCT 31

Broken-hearted Princess Margaret announces she will not renounce her rights to the throne to marry divorcee Gp Capt Peter Townsend.

JAN, 1956

The Queen is left alone with her children, amid rumours of a marriage rift, as Philip travels for four months on royal yacht Britannia.

OCT 17

The world's first commercial nuclear power station, Calder Hall, Cumbria - later Sellafield - is opened by the Queen.

NOV 5

Britain, France and Israel invade Egypt over the nationalisation of the Suez Canal. It ends in political humiliation, exposing Britain's declining world status.

JAN 10, 1957

Harold Macmillan becomes PM after Sir Anthony Eden is forced to quit over the Suez debacle.



## HER PHILIP...AND HER DESTINY



**THE YOU'RE IT GIRL**  
... secretly engaged to Philip, joyous Elizabeth plays tag with sailors on HMS Vanguard en route to South Africa

**“After that Christmas with Philip, there was a sparkle about her none of us had ever seen before”**

# A PRINCESS IN LOVE

JON MOORHEAD &amp; INGRID SEWARD

## TWO momentous events in Elizabeth's world happened in Africa.

In the first, she announced her mission statement: A solemn promise to dedicate her life to the service of her people.

In the second, she learned her father was dead – and that that service was about to begin.

On her 21st birthday, April 21, 1947, Princess Elizabeth sat before a BBC microphone on a polished circular table in the garden of Government House in Cape Town. She wore pearls and a light dress, her hair brushed in the style of the day.

*The broadcast was going out to the world.*

The princess said she was thinking of the people, like her, who had, “grown up in the terrible and glorious years of the Second World War”. And asked if she could speak to them, “The youth of the British family of nations”. She said the Empire had saved the world, “and now has to save itself”.

But then the speech, written by her father's private secretary Sir Alan Lascelles, took a surprising turn. When Elizabeth was working on it, she said it had “made her cry”. It went:

*“There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors. A noble motto, ‘I serve’.*

*Those words were an inspiration to bygone heirs to the throne...*

*Through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple. I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family to which we all belong, but I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in with me, as I now invite you to do. I know your support will be unfailingly given.*

*“God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.”*

The speech, about an Empire which would soon be no more, sounds out of date today but its effect was startling – it captured the imagination of a world looking for hope after war. As one observer noted, it “brought a lump into millions of throats”.

Five years later, at the end of January, 1952, Elizabeth and Philip left London for a six-month tour of Australia and New Zealand. Their first stop was Nairobi, before heading to the trout-fishing oasis of Sagana Lodge, 100 miles away. The property had been given

to them as a wedding present by the Kenyan people, and this was their first visit.

Their big treat was to be a night at the nearby Treetops Hotel, built in the branches of a giant fig tree deep in the bush.

Elizabeth hoped to film elephants there on her trusty cine camera, and she was not disappointed. There was a herd right under the treehouse, and the princess immediately climbed up to the viewing area and started filming.

Later that day she told fellow guests that George VI was recovering well from surgery to remove a cancerous lung.

That night, she and Philip slept up among the leaves and she was back on the balcony as the sun came up, with the prince's equerry and friend Mike Parker. Suddenly, a magnificent African fish eagle appeared and hovered above their heads.

Parker later remembered: “I never thought about it until later but that was roughly the time when the King died.”

In the early hours of February 6, the King had passed away in his sleep aged 56. Elizabeth was Queen. But the news did not reach the travellers until later that morning, at Sagana Lodge. Parker was told by phone, and told Philip, who

“looked as if the whole world had dropped on him”. The prince then broke the news to his wife.

Parker recalled: “He took the Queen up to the garden and they walked up and down the lawn while he talked and talked to her.”

Elizabeth immediately began writing letters of apology for cancelling the Australia tour.

Her cousin Lady Pamela Mountbatten went to console her. “In her usual extraordinary way,” said Pamela, “she was thinking about what everybody else was having to do. Typically, she said, ‘Thank you. But I’m so sorry it means we have to go back to England and it’s upsetting everybody’s plans.’”

Elizabeth did not have a black dress with her at the hotel. So the new Queen had to wear a floral frock and white sandals as she left the lodge.

There were no tears, but she was upset that she could not show the correct respect for her father and requested that no photographs be taken.

“We stood silently outside the lodge,” photographer John Jochimsen recalled, “as the cars drove away in a cloud of dust, not one of us taking a shot at that historic moment.”

“Seeing the young girl as Queen of Great Britain as she drove away, I felt her sadness, as she raised her hand to us as we stood there silent, our cameras on the ground.”



I SERVE... radio pledge from Cape Town on her 21st birthday



NEW PATH... with Philip at Sagana Lodge, Kenya, the day before she became Queen

**MAR 6**

Gold Coast is the first British colony in Africa to gain independence. It is renamed Ghana.

**AUG**

Lord Altrincham provokes fury – and ultimately royal reforms – by calling the Queen “out of touch” and criticising her “priggish schoolgirl” style.

**DEC 5, 1958**

Britain's first motorway opens – the 8¼-mile-long M6 Preston bypass.

**OCT 8, 1959**

Harold Macmillan wins a General Election after telling Britain: “Most of our people have never had it so good.”

**FEB 8, 1960**

The Privy Council declares the Queen's descendants without royal titles will use the name Mountbatten-Windsor.

**FEB 19**

Prince Andrew Albert Christian is born at Buckingham Palace, the first child to a reigning monarch since Queen Victoria's Princess Beatrice in 1857.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



**I was a moment beyond wonder and beyond awe, and those who saw it would never forget it.**

"Spiritual exaltation radiated from her," recalled one official who stood near the young Queen as she was anointed before God at the most sacred moment of her Coronation at Westminster Abbey.

"She was really shining," recalled another onlooker. "It was quite remarkable."

And on the radio that night, Prime Minister Winston Churchill described, "the gleaming figure whom providence has brought to us in times where the present is hard, and the future veiled."

It was clear to all that the 27-year-old Queen was the beacon of a new age – not just for the monarchy but for a Britain still suffering from the aftermath of war.

It was time for a new beginning, and this was the Queen's first gift to her people.

As Princess Margaret put it years later: "The Coronation was like a phoenix-time. Everything was being raised from the ashes. There was this gorgeous-looking, lovely young lady, and nothing to stop anything getting better and better."

But the new beginning also held something of an ending. The war had greatly diminished Britain's place in the world. Historian Ben Pimlott called the event, "The last great imperial display... a magnificent funeral tribute to a world order that was ending."

But he added: "If the Coronation was a burial service for the Empire, it was also a baptism for a new kind of mass participation in national events, which changed for ever the way royalty would be perceived."

The Coronation on June 2, 1953, took place more than a year after the death of George VI in order to give plenty of time for mourning – and for the elaborate preparations.

Elizabeth had her own grief to come to terms with, as well as the shock of stepping into her enormous new role. But as always, she was guided by duty.

By February 8, 1952, just 36 hours after she had learned her father had died, Elizabeth gave a simple, moving accession speech at St James's Palace, having flown back to London from Kenya.

She stated: "By the sudden death of my dear father I am called upon to assume the duties and responsibility of sovereignty. My heart is too full for me to say more to you today than I shall always work, as my father did throughout his reign, to advance the happiness and prosperity of my peoples, spread as they are all the world over."

At 25, she was the 42nd sovereign of England since William the Conqueror, and only the sixth queen to occupy the throne in her own right.

One of the first questions she faced as monarch came from her assistant, private secretary Martin Charteris, who asked what name she would choose to use as Queen.

It was quite usual to choose a new dynastic name as monarch – her father Bertie, for example, had become George VI.

Elizabeth replied: "My own name, of course – what else?"

After giving her accession speech, the Queen and Prince Philip drove to Sandringham. It was there that the King had been found dead in his bed after a long battle with lung cancer. His body was brought to London on February 11 and lay in state at Westminster Hall for three days. Some 300,000 people filed past to pay their last respects.

And at his funeral at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle on February 15, the Queen walked alone immediately behind his coffin, as was her right as the new sovereign.

She wore a simple, modern black dress and veil, a stark contrast to her grandmother Queen Mary, the 84-year-old mother of the King. Born in the reign of Victoria, Mary wore full Victorian-style mourning clothes including a dramatic peaked veil.

The generational change under way was already very clear.

In the weeks that followed, all minds turned to the coronation – and 14 months of preparation began.

Prince Philip, desperate for a public role, was made chairman of a Coronation Commission set up to make all arrangements.

The people took the event to their hearts, but it was not until spring 1953 that Coronation fever truly began. Buildings were painted red, white and blue, piles of every possible kind of souvenir filled the shops, councils and residents organised street parties and schoolchildren whipped themselves into frenzies of excitement and creation.

In St Keverne, Cornwall, locals were at loggerheads with the Ministry of Food. They

**DUKE COME HERE OFTEN!**

Philip grins as his wife arrives back at Buckingham Palace in her 'going-away hat', the lighter State Imperial Crown



BRIAN HOEY

had roasted a whole ox for the last Coronation and, despite meat rationing, were determined to do so again.

Eventually, they and 81 other places were given the go-ahead. Meanwhile, the Queen was learning her lines and considering how to bear the weight of St Edward's Crown when it was placed on her head.

Created for Charles II in 1661, it is made of solid 22-carat gold, adorned with 444 precious and semi-precious stones. It is 12 inches high and weighs 4.9lb or 2.2kg.

So the young sovereign began a training regime, walking around with a bag of flour strapped to her head and bed sheets to mimic her 60th Coronation train.

Despite the enormity of her role, she remained cool. On the eve of the ceremony, at a lunch for Commonwealth Prime Ministers, a lady-in-waiting said: "You must be nervous Ma'am." She replied, "Of course I am, but I really do think Aureole will win" – a reference to a horse she had running in the Derby.

Finally, the big day dawned. London was packed, all rentable rooms rented and hotels full. Traffic snarled the streets. June 2 had been chosen after consultation with meteorologists who declared it the best bet for fine weather. In fact, it was cold and wet.

But rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 30,000 people who had camped out all night in The Mall to see the procession to and from the Palace. Or among the more upmarket, some of whom paid £4 a ticket (£100 in today's money) to watch from specially built grandstands. The Abbey,

where every monarch has been crowned since 1066, housed 8,251 guests – kings, queens, princes, princesses, sheikhs and maharajahs, as well as scores of political leaders. The irrepressible Queen Salote of Tonga won the hearts of the crowds by travelling in an open carriage despite the rain.

It was freezing in the Abbey. The Countess Huntington later wrote: "Our teeth chattered, we quaked inwardly with cold, we wrapped ourselves in our trains and watched our arms turn blue."

**BC TV host Richard Dimbleby climbed into his position at 5.30am and would spend the next 17 hours there.**

He was later surprised to see the peers' stalls, "Covered with sandwich wrapping, sandwiches, newspaper, fruit peel, sweets and even a few empty bottles".

Countess Huntington said a lasting memory would be the "element of pity and sympathy" for the Queen. "For between the inhuman magnificence of the crown and the glittering of the vestment-like robe, her face was very young, very human, very tense".

Queen Mary, the queen's grandmother, was not there. She had died at home on March 24 aged 85, having left instructions that if she passed away before the

Coronation it should go ahead. Elizabeth travelled from the palace to the Abbey in the Gold State Coach, built in 1762, pulled by eight grey horses. The ride, the Queen remembered decades later, was "horrible". She added: "It's not meant for travelling in at all. Not very comfortable." To make it cosier, she had six hot water bottles tucked around her.

As she prepared to enter the Abbey, she said to her six Maids of Honour, all daughters of the aristocracy: "Ready, girls?"

Then the magic took over. The ritual was first performed in Anglo-Saxon times, in 973, when King Edgar was crowned at Bath.

From the moment the Queen walked up the aisle towards the altar – to the sound of a choir singing the psalm I Was Glad – a spell was cast.

The ceremony began with the Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher announcing: "Sirs, I here present unto you Queen Elizabeth, your undoubted Queen."

She wore a robe shimmering with seed pearls, crystals and gold and silver thread, and an ermine cape and crimson velvet train.

Boys of Westminster School cried out: "Vivat, Regina Elizabeth, vivat, vivat, vivat!"

After a few minutes in prayer, Elizabeth made her Coronation Oath, swearing to rule her people according to the law, and to maintain the laws of God.

Then she sat on the Coronation Chair, commissioned by Edward I in 1296 to hold the ancient Stone of Scone, also known as the Stone of Destiny.

It was now time for the most sacred part of the ceremony: The anointing with holy oil by the Archbishop. All the Queen's robes were removed, down to a simple white dress, and she was screened from eyes and cameras by a golden canopy borne by four knights of the garter. It was a moment that moved her deeply, the moment that, in her eyes, a God-given responsibility was bestowed on her.

"Be thy head anointed with holy oil," intoned Fisher, "as kings, priests and prophets were anointed... so thou be anointed, blessed and consecrated Queen over the peoples, whom the Lord thy God hath given thee to rule and govern."

A golden robe, the "supertunica", was then placed over her dress, and while still on the Coronation Chair she was presented with regalia including the orb and sceptres.

Finally, St Edward's Crown was placed on her head and the congregation called out three times: "God save the Queen!"

After this came the homage from peers and the Church – and the first person to kneel and pledge his loyalty was Prince Philip.

Kissing her on the cheek, he promised to be "Your liege-man of life and limb and of earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folks".

Among the guests at the Abbey was four-year-old Prince Charles, who behaved impeccably throughout the nearly three-hour ceremony. He had been given a special, hand-painted invitation by his mother, Princess Anne, at just shy of three, had been deemed too young to attend. Finally, it was all over and Her Majesty left the Abbey wearing the lighter Imperial State Crown, which she jokingly called, "My going-away hat".

Nearly 30,000 people took part in the procession back to Buckingham Palace, which had been planned over four miles to allow as many as possible to watch – including 3,600 Royal Navy personnel, 16,100 from the Army, 7,000 from the RAF and 2,000 from the Commonwealth.

The Queen and her family greeted cheering crowds from the balcony and then again at 9.45pm, when a huge floodlight show cascaded down the Mall to Admiralty Arch and Trafalgar Square.

Outside London, a nation partied. Many gatherings featured the new dish of Coronation chicken, invented for the Queen to enjoy at a banquet, and whose recipe had already been published across the country.

Meanwhile, around the world, dignitaries in Commonwealth countries planted acorns shipped from Windsor Great Park to grow "Coronation oaks" in parks and schools.

There were also toasts for the other big news coming through that day: That Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay had reached the summit of Mount Everest.

There had never been anything like it. As historian C.V. Wedgwood said, no sovereign "Was ever crowned more fully in the presence of the people".

And that night Churchill said in his speech: "We have had a day which the oldest are proud to have lived to see and the youngest will remember all their lives."



HOT TICKET... £4 for parade stand



ROYAL SEAT... Elizabeth, 'your undoubted Queen'



KNEES-UP... women in Bethnal Green in London's East End at a Coronation street celebration

**MAY 6**  
Princess Margaret marries society photographer Antony Armstrong-Jones at Westminster Abbey.

**JUN 5, 1961**  
The Queen and Philip host a dinner for President John F. Kennedy and wife Jackie at Buckingham Palace.

**DEC 4**  
The contraceptive Pill becomes available on the NHS.

**SEP, 1962**  
Heads of state at the Commonwealth Conference in London protest at UK plans to enter the European Common Market, fearing it will hit their trade.

**OCT 17**  
The Beatles' first single, Love Me Do, reaches No.1 in the charts.

**JAN 14, 1963**  
French President General Charles de Gaulle says "non" to Britain joining the European Common Market.

**MAR**  
Highly unusually, the Queen and Prince Philip are lampooned on satirical TV show That Was The Week That Was.

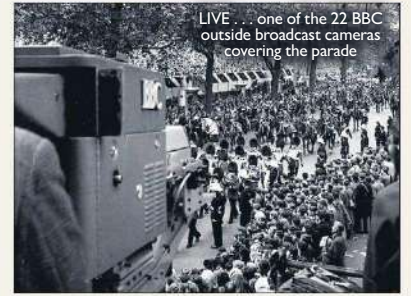


**THE CORONATION**

‘Between the inhuman magnificence of the crown and glittering of the vestment-like robe, her face was very young, very human, very tense’

**THE CROWNED**  
... one of Cecil Beaton's stunning official Coronation portraits, taken at Buckingham Palace in front of a Westminster Abbey backdrop. Elizabeth had specially asked that Beaton do the photographs

CECIL BEATON  
Victoria and Albert Museum



LIVE ... one of the 22 BBC outside broadcast cameras covering the parade

**JON MOORHEAD & BRIAN HOEY**

**I would be unthinkable today - the Coronation was NOT going to be shown live on television.**

Even in the largely TV-free days of the early 1950s, the decision by the organising commission caused an outcry. Initial broadcast plans scheduled live coverage for the procession only, not the service itself. That would be edited, with excerpts shown later in the day.

But millions felt that the blackout was robbing them of a chance to witness history. The traditionalists, including PM Winston Churchill, much of the Cabinet and the Palace old guard, were horrified at the idea of a live broadcast, considering TV “vulgar” and believing the mystique of royalty must be preserved.

Churchill thundered against the notion of “modern mechanical arrangements” in Westminster Abbey. He told the House of Commons: “It would be unfitting that the ceremony ... be presented as if it were a theatrical performance.”

Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher said a live broadcast would be, “an intolerable strain on the Queen and everyone else”. Even the Queen herself was reluctant, being somewhat suspicious of TV. There was a genuine fear that any errors would be embarrassingly laid bare to the world.

Then the mood began to change. Modernisers led by Prince Philip, chairman of the Coronation Commission, felt it was vital that the Queen's subjects should see the whole proceedings.

As protests continued - in newspapers and from MPs bombarded by their constituents - and alongside heavy lobbying from the BBC, Her Majesty changed her mind. Everything would be broadcast live, except the most sacred part of the service, the consecration, when the Queen is anointed with holy oil and would be shielded by a canopy.

The BBC unleashed its biggest outside broadcast, with an unprecedented 22 cameras, including five in the Abbey.

Then began a search for the smallest cameramen, who would be more “inconspicuous”. Crew were told to wear stone-coloured shirts to blend into the background.

The lead commentator was Richard Dimbleby. In Canada in 1939, as the first BBC reporter on a royal tour, he had sat up into the night with George VI, playing piano and discussing Hitler. Seven other BBC correspondents included Brian Johnston, legendary cricket commentator in the making. Dimbleby, an ardent royalist, spent six months preparing, researching every aspect in minutest detail. The broadcast lasted just over seven hours, from 10.15am to 5.20pm.

Cameramen crammed into tight spots for the entire day. One, tasked with getting the first shot of the Queen in her crown, had to perch cross-legged on a platform for 12 hours. He was provided with a BBC lunch, including a half-bottle of wine.

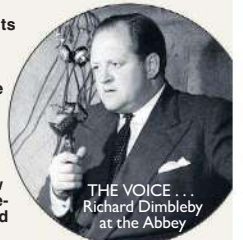
More than 27million people - well over half the country - tuned in. In the US, there were a further 85million viewers. It was fed live to Germany, Holland and France, and in South Africa, 69 per cent of the English-speaking population listened in. Film reels of the event were scrambled to Canada on an RAF Canberra bomber.

The Coronation was a watershed moment for TV in Britain - the nation fell in love with the box.

On average, 17 people crowded around each home set to witness the event. Others gathered in pubs and at special screenings in cinemas.

Sales and rentals of 12in black-and-white sets rocketed. Licence holders increased from 1.5million to 3million, despite only six hours of daily programming and large areas of the country that could not get a signal.

It was the first moment a TV audience had outnumbered radio listeners - a historic start to the new Elizabethan Age.



THE VOICE ...  
Richard Dimbleby  
at the Abbey

# READY, GIRLS?

**JUN**

PM Macmillan apologises to the Queen for the Profumo scandal.

**OCT 19**

Sir Alec Douglas-Home becomes PM after Macmillan quits on health grounds.

**NOV 4, 1963**

The Beatles play for the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret at a Royal Command show in London.

**MAR 10, 1964**

The Queen's fourth child, Prince Edward Antony Richard Louis, is born at Buckingham Palace.

**OCT 4**

A nine-day visit to Canada is marred by police violence after death threats to the Queen by French separatists in Quebec.

**OCT 15**

Labour win a General Election for the first time in nearly 15 years. Harold Wilson is PM.

**MAY 18, 1965**

At the height of the Cold War, the Queen and Philip make a state visit to West Germany, driving past the Berlin Wall.

**NOV 8**

The death penalty for murder is abolished.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



HORROR... the Queen and Philip in Aberfan

**IT'S A MOMENT of history seared into the brain of every England football fan – and the Queen played a bit part.**

Dressed in canary yellow amid a sea of dark suits, she hands the golden, 14in Jules Rimet trophy to that other national hero, Bobby Moore.

It was Saturday, July 30, 1966, and England had won the World Cup – a victory that no fan, all rival fans especially, is ever allowed to forget.

But football was different then. By the Monday, the victory did not even make the front page of the nation's biggest-selling newspaper at the time, *The Daily Mirror*, save for a story on a couple who had hired a TV set for their wedding reception to watch the game. The Queen, never much of a football fan, had another, much darker, unexpected event over the horizon.

Even when the monarchy was out of favour, there were very few times when she was criticised personally. But less than three months after that glory day at Wembley, she was facing a storm of anger.

On October 21, 1966, one of Britain's worst disasters happened in a mining village in South Wales.

Very few people had heard of Aberfan. Now, nobody would ever forget it.

It was the day before half-term at the village junior school and as staff and pupils assembled for morning prayers, all heard a terrible rumble. After weeks of heavy rain, a massive slag heap that had sat for years on a hill overlooking the school came crashing down.

It engulfed the school in minutes, killing 144 people, 116 of them children.

Miners rushed to the scene from the pit and emergency workers were quickly there too. But it was soon clear there was to be no rescue mission.

The world's media descended. Shortly after midnight, Lord Snowdon – husband of Princess Margaret – arrived from London to offer any comfort he could. Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Prince Philip followed.



GRIEF... the Queen looks shocked during her visit

BRIAN HOEY & JON MOORHEAD

Later that morning, Snowdon asked a BBC reporter if he thought it would be appropriate for the Queen to visit. He was told very firmly no. Whatever the Queen might feel, the moment she arrived, she would become the event and interrupt recovery work.

Snowdon called Elizabeth and she agreed to follow the wisdom of those on the scene.

She waited eight days before going, causing a national outcry. People accused her of being heartless and uncaring.

After the bodies had been recovered and much of the media had moved on, the Queen was told a visit would be welcome.

At the village, she was greeted with a warmth that overwhelmed her.

Even locals who did not support the monarchy felt her presence was a comfort.

In a two-and-a-half-hour tour, police allowed her and Philip to mix freely with families and rescuers.

"As a mother," she told one bereaved couple, "I'm trying to understand what your feelings must be. I'm sorry I can give you nothing except sympathy."

A girl gave her flowers with a card saying: "From the remaining children of Aberfan."

She had tea at the home of Jim Williams, who lost seven relatives in the disaster.

"She was very upset," said Mrs Williams. "She was the most charming person I have ever met in my life."

Another villager recalled: "There were tears in her eyes as she talked."

"She feels this very deep. After all, she is the mother of four children. We had four too and now we only have two."

Private secretary Martin Charteris later revealed that not going sooner to Aberfan was one of the Queen's biggest regrets. She returned four times over the years.

Appalling safety blunders by National Coal Board bosses and employees were blamed at an inquiry into the disaster. But no one was sacked or prosecuted.



**THERE was never a queen so adored as Elizabeth in the first years of her reign.**

Prince Philip later recalled: "You wouldn't believe it. You really wouldn't."

During the young couple's two-month tour of Australia in 1954, an estimated three quarters of the population turned out to see them. All over the world Her Majesty was talked and written about as if she was a character from a fairytale.

Lady Jane Rayne, one of Elizabeth's Coronation maids of honour, said: "All our hopes rested with this one woman and how she was going to change everything."

Adulation put unprecedented pressure on the Queen, but she coped. Philip did not fare so well.

Used to an active life as a naval officer, he was bored and restless. So when he was invited to open the 1956 Melbourne Olympics as a solo act instead of in a supporting role, he accepted.

And to really enjoy himself, he decided to travel his favourite way – by sea, aboard the royal yacht *Britannia*. It would take much longer, but it would mean he could indulge his adventurous side, even becoming the first royal to



INGRID SEWARD

visit Antarctica. The Queen thought it was a "frightfully good idea". It gave her time and space to work without having to worry about Philip's frustrations.

Unfortunately, the four-month tour produced new problems. Instead of being congratulated on a trip to Commonwealth outposts such as the Falkland Islands which included scientific research, Philip was slammed. Why, it was asked, had he left his wife and young children, Charles and Anne, for so long?

Rumours of an affair surfaced in US newspapers. Then the Palace took the unprecedented step of denying any marriage rift, which elevated it to the front page of every newspaper.

Philip's friend and private secretary Mike Parker, who had gone with him on the trip, said: "The Duke was incandescent. Very, very angry and deeply hurt."

Parker's own marriage brought more trouble. When news broke of



BABY No3... Andrew, 1960



THEY THINK IT'S HAND-OVER... Queen gives Bobby Moore the World Cup

DEC

Postmaster General Tony Benn waters down a long-running bid to remove the Queen's head from stamps.

MAR 31, 1966

Harold Wilson's Labour government wins an increased majority of 98 at a General Election.

JUL 30

The Queen presents the football World Cup to England after they beat Germany 4-2 at Wembley.

OCT 29

The Queen visits the South Wales mining village of Aberfan after a slag heap engulfs a primary school, killing 116 children and 28 adults.

JUL, 1967

Francis Chichester, first to sail single-handed round the world, is knighted by the Queen with same sword Elizabeth I used to knight Sir Francis Drake in 1581.

JUL 27

Homosexuality between men over 21 is legalised. Later that year, so is abortion.



## FROM ADORATION TO HEARTBREAK



IN LOVE... Margaret &amp; Peter Townsend drive away from Windsor Castle, 1952

## OH, MARGO!



FESTIVE... first Xmas speech on TV, 1957

BRIAN HOEY

**F**ORTY years before the death of Princess Diana shook the monarchy, the Queen faced a rumpus that made her take a very good look at herself.

In August 1957, aristocratic writer, historian and politician John Grigg, Second Baron Altrincham, launched a vicious attack on Her Majesty and set off a fiery debate about the monarchy.

Writing in his own magazine, *The National And English Review*, Grigg declared the young Queen's court "too upper-class and British" and said it should be filled with people from all classes and all Commonwealth countries.

"Crawfie, the London season, the race-course, the grouse-moor, canasta and the occasional tour," he wrote, "would not have been good enough for Elizabeth II!"

Altrincham also described the Queen's style of public speaking as a "pain in the neck", adding: "The personality conveyed by the utterances which are put into her mouth is that of a priggish schoolgirl, captain of the hockey team, a prefect, and a recent candidate for Confirmation."

He was denounced by most of the Press, and the BBC refused to give him airtime. He was interviewed on Granada TV – and as he left the studio, slapped in the face by a man from the League Of Empire Loyalists.

The criticism was joined by broadcaster Malcolm Muggeridge, provoking more fury (and attacks on his home) with an article "Does England Even Need A Queen?"

Altrincham, who gave up his title in 1963, insisted he was being constructive to help the monarchy modernise. The Queen's secretary Martin Charteris assured him reforms were on the way.

Among the first was ditching the custom of presenting debutantes at court. It last happened in 1958 and was replaced by more garden parties, eventually to be attended by all social classes.

Before the Queen made her first Christmas Speech on TV in 1957, she had elocution lessons to subtly alter her voice.

Still, as the swinging Sixties went on, there were renewed fears the royals were seen as out-of-touch and even boring.

Philip and new press secretary William Heseltine wanted to show the Queen behind the sovereign's mask, a human with a relentless workload, a mother with a family. Abandoning the Victorian ideal of royal mystique was risky, but Philip said: "It's quite wrong there should be a sense of remoteness or majesty."

The Queen reluctantly agreed to a 90-minute fly-on-the-wall documentary. Filming, with unprecedented access, took 18 months.

When Royal Family was broadcast on BBC and ITV in June 1969, two thirds of Britain watched – and, some awkward moments aside, reviews were positive. More than 400million saw it worldwide.

Soon afterwards, the Queen banned it from ever being shown again. Princess Anne later said it had been "a rotten idea".



BANNED... the 1969 documentary

ASSISTERS... Elizabeth and Margaret, always best friends, with Prince Charles and Lord Snowdon at Badminton Horse Trials, Gloucestershire, in 1962



CRITIC... Lord Altrincham

his upcoming divorce, still considered a scandal in the Fifties, he resigned.

The Queen had an old-fashioned view of marriage and her serene acceptance of Philip helped keep their union alive.

What else, given her position, character and duty, was she to do? She continued to defer to him at home and he, in turn, was her greatest protector. Their marriage developed into a strong and supportive one.

And PM Harold Macmillan put a stop to the "rift" by proposing to the Queen that she make Philip a Prince, "in recognition of services to the nation". Her Majesty agreed.

It might not have been coincidence that after this significant wobble, the royal union quickly produced two more sons: Andrew in 1960 and Edward in 1964.

The first baby came with another boost for Philip. A new surname was introduced to the House of Windsor: Mountbatten-Windsor, a move he had been lobbying for, with increasing exasperation, for years.

The first half was Philip's name, and it finally gave the Duke a sense of status within the family. Prince Harry would use the surname for his children Archie and Lilibet.

Elizabeth knew how much it

meant to her husband and when things really mattered to her, she was resolutely determined to get what she wanted.

There had been one, devastating, family problem she could not solve. At the Coronation in 1953, Princess Margaret had been seen brushing fluff "with a tender hand" from the lapels of Group Captain Peter Townsend, handsome Battle of Britain hero and equerry to George VI and the Queen.

Eleven days later their story was public. The previous year, just after Townsend had divorced his wife over her infidelity, the couple had told Elizabeth they were in love and wanted to marry.

But his divorce meant the Church of England would not allow him to marry again.

The Queen was torn – her beloved sister's happiness or her duty as head of the church, Defender Of The Faith. It was not a surprise which responsibility won, but it caused deep heartache that Margaret never fully got over.

In an attempt to avoid scandal, the Queen took Philip's advice and told 23-year-old Margaret to keep quiet about the relationship.

It backfired badly. The Press – including US papers, who called the princess "Meg" – took the side of the lovers and portrayed the

Queen as the enemy of romance. In reality, she desperately wanted her sister to be happy, but agreed that 38-year-old Townsend be posted to Brussels for two years as air attaché. It was a brutal move by private secretary Tommy Lascelles. Margaret said: "I shall curse him to the grave."

At the end of the two years, she would be 25 and, under the Marriage Act, free to wed without her sister's consent, providing she could secure the approval of Parliament.

But if she married, she would lose her title and position as third in line to the throne, as well as the allowance that went with it.

In October 1955, and after much heartache, Margaret chose to give up the man she loved rather than face what she imagined would be a life of penury, exile and ostracism.

Five years later she married society photographer Antony Armstrong-Jones, aka Lord Snowdon. The relationship ended in divorce in 1978, causing great unhappiness for Margaret and real sadness for Elizabeth.

"Margo", as her sister called her, was the Queen's closest friend. She loved the mercurial, whisky-drinking, cigarette-smoking beauty who during the 1960s created an alternative "court" of bright young things and whose life had held so much promise.

The Queen would tolerate in Margaret what she would not in anyone else and together with the Queen Mother they formed a tight, impenetrable trio.



BABY No4... Edward, 1964

## OCT 1968

A stolen four-year-old photo of the Queen in bed with baby Prince Edward is published by Paris Match, Time and the Daily Express.

## MAR 2, 1969

Concorde, the world's first supersonic airliner, makes its maiden, 27-minute flight at Toulouse, France.

## JUN 21

A 90-minute documentary, *Royal Family*, is broadcast by BBC and ITV and seen by two thirds of Britain. Despite rave reviews, the Queen bans it from being shown again.

## JUL 1

Prince Charles officially becomes Prince of Wales in an investiture at Caernarfon Castle.

## MAY 1970

The Queen does her first walkabout, mingling with crowds in Sydney.

## JUN 18

Tory Edward Heath unexpectedly wins a General Election with a 30-seat majority.

## FEB 6, 1971

Gunner Robert Curtis, 20, is the first British soldier to die in the Troubles, shot by the IRA in North Belfast.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



FAREWELL... the Queen and Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, who her uncle Edward VIII renounced his throne to marry, at his funeral at Windsor, 1972

BRIAN HOEY

**PRINCESS Elizabeth and the uncle who renounced the throne and upended her life adored one another.**

The golden-haired, party-loving Prince of Wales was the most famous man in the world and its most eligible bachelor.

But to the little Elizabeth, "Uncle David" was simply a devoted slave.

He was her favourite uncle, spending hours playing with her, and doggedly learning the names of each of her dozens of toy horses.

The prince would also solemnly watch as Elizabeth showed him how well she cared for the wooden animals, which she pretended to feed and water each evening.

In later life, after abdicating and becoming the Duke of Windsor, he recalled with wistfulness the Christmas of 1935, just weeks before his short reign as Edward VIII began.

He had joined the rest of the Royal Family at Sandringham and watched as Elizabeth, nine, and sister Margaret, five, romped around the 20ft Christmas tree under the tender gazes of their parents.

The Duke remembered: "Looking at this closely knit fabric of family ties, I felt detached and lonely."

By the same time the following year, Uncle David had not just given up the throne but any link to this precious family life.

After announcing his abdication, David immediately left Britain for Austria for the start of his life abroad as an exile, and never had the opportunity to say goodbye to his beloved niece.

The ten-year-old found it difficult to understand why her uncle would no longer be there to play with her – but her affection for him never disappeared. Elizabeth even wanted to invite the Duke to her

wedding to Prince Philip in 1947 but her mother, who had always refused to see her brother-in-law after the abdication, was firmly against the idea.

Then, once she took the throne in 1952, Elizabeth had to abide by the unwritten rule that the monarchy disapproved of the abdication and, by implication, the Duke of Windsor.

Whatever her own feelings were, she kept them to herself.

However, by the Sixties, she began to make serious efforts at reconciliation.

In letters between Britain and Paris, where the Duke and Duchess of Windsor lived from 1952 until their deaths, they still referred to each other as Lilibet and Uncle David.

And when the Duke asked if it might be possible, when the time came, for himself and his beloved wife Wallis to be buried together at Windsor, Her Majesty immediately agreed.

Still, when she invited him to the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales in 1969, he diplomatically declined.

Over the years the pair did see each other on several awkward formal occasions such as funerals.

Then in May 1972, with the Duke of Windsor stricken by cancer, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh took advantage of an official trip to Paris to visit the dying man and his wife at home.

He was very weak but he refused to greet his niece while seated and insisted on standing, bowing and kissing her hand.

The 77-year-old also bravely tried to conceal the medical tube he was wearing.

Elizabeth and Uncle David spoke for nearly half an hour, and when the Queen left, she was seen to have tears in her eyes.

The Duke died ten days later, and was brought home to Windsor where he lay in state before a funeral attended by the entire Royal Family.

HITCH... Edward and Mrs Simpson marry at a chateau in Loire, France, 1937

## INGRID SEWARD & MIKE RIDLEY

**E**ARLY one summer morning, the most protected woman in the world woke to find herself at the centre of a startling security breach.

Opening her eyes at 7am on Friday, July 9, 1982, she discovered an intruder sitting on the edge of her bed, blood dripping from one of his hands.

Decorator Michael Fagan, 33, troubled after the breakdown of his marriage, had managed to climb over the 10ft Palace railings 15 minutes earlier.

Avoiding security, Fagan, dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, shinned up a drainpipe, climbed through an open window and wandered unhindered around the corridors of Buckingham Palace. Heading towards the Royal Family's private quarters, he smashed a glass ashtray, cutting his hand.

Blood dripping from his right thumb, he arrived at the Queen's bedroom door just as her police guard outside had gone off duty and the valet had gone outside to walk the corgis.

Fagan told The Sun in 2020: "I found myself inside a small room. I pulled back the curtains and the woman in bed sits up. There's the Queen in front of me. I was dumbstruck."

"I don't know anyone else who wouldn't be. They say the Queen must have been frightened, I didn't frighten her too much but I was quite shocked."

Afterwards the Queen told a courtier: "I got out of bed, put on my dressing gown and slippers, pulled myself up to my full regal height, pointed to the door and said, 'Get out!'. He didn't."

After some minutes, help arrived and a footman who was there when Her Majesty spoke to police after Fagan had been taken away said: "I've never heard the Queen so angry."

Home Secretary Willie Whitelaw offered his resignation but the Queen refused to accept it.

She had shown similar cool the year before in another security scare. As she rode to Trooping the Colour in June 1981, a young man pointed a pistol at her and fired six shots.

Her horse, Burmese, reared and nearly bolted but the Queen remained calm and kept control, leaning forward to give her mount a soothing pat.

She then rode on into the parade ground and continued with the ceremony as if nothing had happened, while police arrested the 17-year-old gunman, Marcus Sarjeant.

They discovered that the former boy scout had used blanks. He had not tried to kill the Queen, but simply "wanted to be famous".

There had been threats to the royals more than ten years earlier – in the run-up to Charles's investiture as Prince of Wales in July 1969.

Nationalist extremists saw the lavish bash as a symbol of English oppression and the day before, two men were killed by their own home-made bomb.

Critics said the event, having no meaningful precedent, was a PR stunt cooked up between Harold Wilson's Labour government, struggling in the polls, and a Palace hoping for a little royal lustre on colour TV.

The first royal ceremony specifically designed for TV, it took place under a canopy, designed by Lord Snowdon, hailed as "the biggest perspex object in the world". The Queen later told friends that she and Charles "struggled not to giggle because at the rehearsal the crown was too big and extinguished him like a candle-snuffer".

The Seventies had seen great highs and terrible lows. In 1972, there were celebrations for the Queen and Prince Philip's Silver Wedding anniversary and then for the first wedding of one of her children, when Princess Anne married Captain Mark Phillips the following year. In 1977 came the Silver



WOAH BOY... the Queen controls her horse as shots are fired on The Mall, 1981

INTRUDER... Michael Fagan in 1982, the year he got into the Queen's bedroom

MY PRINCE... Charles's investiture at Caernarfon, 1969

MUMMY HAPPY RETURNS... Queen Mother's 80th birthday, 1980

Jubilee, with the whole country joining street parties. London's latest Tube line was named in honour of the occasion.

And at the end of that year, the Queen had her first grandchild, when Anne gave birth to son Peter.

On hearing the news, she was so overjoyed she delayed a ceremony she was about to conduct for an unprecedented ten minutes. When she finally arrived in the Throne Room, the 51-year-old sovereign told the waiting audience: "My daughter has given birth to a son and I am now a grandmother."

**B**UT the dark times in that decade were very dark – especially the 1979 IRA murder of Philip's uncle Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The Queen also lost her own two remaining uncles – the Duke of Windsor in 1972 and the Duke of Gloucester, from natural causes, in 1974. Gloucester's son, Prince William, the Queen's first cousin, had been killed in 1972 when a light plane he was piloting in a race crashed. He was just 30.

There was also the 1978 divorce of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon. The Eighties kicked off in royal style with the Queen Mother's 80th birthday in 1980. She was as popular as her daughter, and huge crowds lined the streets between Buckingham Palace and St Paul's Cathedral in July to watch her travel to a service in her honour. The Queen was delighted.

Then in 1981 came the biggest royal event since the Coronation – the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer on July 29. But that year also saw a less well-reported royal

occasion when on December 13 the Queen had to seek refuge in a pub.

Her car, being driven to Windsor from Princess Anne's home in Gloucestershire, became stranded in snow. She was hustled into the Cross Hands in Old Sodbury, and the surprised landlord found himself host to the sovereign for several hours.

A plaque at the hotel still marks the occasion.

The following year saw a huge highlight for the monarchy, when on June 21, 1982, Diana gave birth to a son and heir to the throne, William.

But more troubles – some minor, and some tragic – were brewing.

A week after Fagan's break-in, while the Queen was in hospital having a wisdom tooth out, her long-standing Met bodyguard Michael Trestrail quit over an affair with a male prostitute. A day later, July 20, IRA bombs exploded at military ceremonies in Hyde Park and Regent's Park, killing 11 soldiers and bandmen and seven horses. The Queen described it as the "most ghastly" day of her life.

On August 4, her mother's 82nd birthday, the Queen was all smiles at the christening of Prince William in the music room of Buckingham Palace. It was meant to be a celebration of all the generations.

But Her Majesty had no idea how unhappy Diana was as the new young mother posed with the massed battalion of royal relatives for the traditional formal christening photo.

Diana would later recall: "I was excluded totally that day. I felt desperate... everything was out of control, everything. I wasn't very well, and I just bubbled my eyes out."

Diana's unhappiness would come to dominate the next years of the family's lives.

## FEB 15

Decimised currency replaces pounds, shillings and pence.

## JUN 5, 1972

The Queen attends the funeral of the Duke of Windsor, Edward VIII, who died aged 77 in Paris.

## AUG 4

President Idi Amin expels Uganda's entire Asian population and more than 20,000 settle in Britain.

## NOV 20

The Queen and Philip celebrate their 25th anniversary. She says: "Family life? I am for it."

## JAN 1, 1973

Britain joins the European Economic Community along with Ireland and Denmark.

## NOV 14

Princess Anne marries Captain Mark Phillips, watched by a TV audience of more than 500million.

## JAN 1, 1974

A three-day working week begins to save electricity in a miners' strike. Millions are hit by power cuts.



## IN DANGER...IN MOURNING

‘I found myself in a small room. I pulled back the curtains and a woman in bed sits up. It was the Queen. I was quite shocked’

# GET OUT!

GRIEVING ... the Royal Family stand by Lord Mountbatten's casket, topped with an admiral's cocked hat, during his state funeral at Westminster Abbey, September 5, 1979



INGRID SEWARD

**S**HE called him Dickie and he called her Lilibet. He was a great-grandson of Queen Victoria and she was a great-great-granddaughter, making them second cousins.

And it was Dickie, Lord Mountbatten, who was responsible for bringing Lilibet together with his nephew Philip. The Queen held him and his own family close.

When she was still a princess, Mountbatten's youngest daughter Pamela became her lady-in-waiting, and she was with Elizabeth in Kenya in 1952 when she became Queen. His eldest daughter Patricia became godmother to Prince Charles. The bond was also seen in 1960, when the Queen adopted Mountbatten-Windsor as the surname for her younger children.

Mountbatten was a distinguished Navy commander, serving during World War Two and overseeing the recapture of Burma from the Japanese, for which he was later made 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma. He went on to become First Sea Lord and Admiral of the Fleet.

He also served as the last Viceroy of India, overseeing the nation's transition to independence.

On Monday, August 27, 1979, the Queen was enjoying a picnic at Balmoral with her mother and sister when news came that the 79-year-old Earl had been assassinated by an IRA bomb in his fishing boat off County Sligo, Ireland. His 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, Patricia's mother-in-law and a crew member, 15-year-old Paul Maxwell, were also killed.

Prince Charles later wrote in his diary that Mountbatten had been "someone who showed me enormous affection, who told me unpleasant things I didn't particularly want to hear, who gave me praise where it was due as well as criticism ... life will never be the same now that he is gone."

From that moment, the daily terrorist threat to the Queen and her family became a terrifying reality. And the royals' hurt ran deep. Charles wrote: "I fear it will take me a very long time to forgive those people." Princess Margaret, discussing Mountbatten's death at a US reception three years later, was overheard saying: "The Irish, they're pigs."

Young Nicholas's death in particular had shocked the Queen to the core. He and his identical twin brother Timothy - who survived the bomb - were Prince Philip's godsons.

After Mountbatten's funeral at Westminster Abbey, she invited Timothy and his older sister Amanda to Balmoral. She sat with them at every dinner and for the next few days mothered them.

Timothy, physically and mentally injured, later recalled the Queen, "being a wonderful listener who drew things out of me that others had not."

Mountbatten would not have been surprised.

He had known Elizabeth was special, once declaring: "I have known our beloved Queen since she was a small child and have always been deeply fond of her. So long as we have people of the calibre of our Queen and heir ... my loyalty is absolute and complete."



LOVED ... 'Dickie' Mountbatten in 1959



ROCKED ... Queen arrives at the funeral

DIAMOND JUBILEE ... wearing one of her Cullinan brooches, cut from the biggest diamond ever found, the Queen sits for celebrated portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh in 1984

YOUSUF KARSH/Camera Press

**FEB 28**

Election ends in a hung parliament. The Queen breaks a Pacific tour to receive PM Harold Wilson as he forms a minority government.

**OCT 10**

Wilson wins a second election with a three-seat majority.

**NOV 6, 1975**

The Sex Pistols play their first gig, at St Martin's College of Art, London.

**FEB 1, 1976**

Princess Margaret's affair with socialite garden designer Roddy Llewellyn, 17 years her junior, is revealed as they are photographed together on the island of Mustique.

**MAR 16**

PM Harold Wilson unexpectedly quits. It is never fully explained - but he had told the Queen of his intention months before. James Callaghan is new PM.

**FEB 6, 1977**

The Queen's Silver Jubilee. She and Prince Philip tour Britain and 36 countries. 1 million pack London streets for celebrations on June 7.



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Canada, 1983



Sweden, 1956



New Zealand, 1977



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1979



Malta, 1967



Bahrain, February 1979



Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 1965



Wellington, New Zealand, 1977



Epsom Derby, 1971



Pune, India, 1983



Portsmouth, 1977



Royal Windsor Horse Show, 1995



Cowes, Isle of Wight, 1996



Epsom Derby, late 1970s



Abu Dhabi, 2010



Tuvalu, South Pacific, 1982



Stevenage, Herts, 2012



Science Museum, London, 2019



Leicester Square, London, 1992



Royal Ascot, 1996



CROWNING GLORY... reception at London's Banqueting Hall, Dec 1965



CUTTING A DASH IN DOTS... with young wellwishers on state visit to Mexico in 1975

PRACTICAL... trousers on safari during a state visit to Zambia, 1979

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WHILE in private life the Queen was known for her dignity, style and, as a result, her clothes were part of her image. As a newlywed, she was a perfect figure. The Queen's matching coats and hats were less so. But by the end of her reign, she was wearing larger hats, bolder colours that meant she was picked out in a crowd.

## NOV 15

Peter Phillips, the first of the Queen's eight grandchildren, is born to Princess Anne. In May 1981 sister Zara arrives.

## JUL 17, 1978

The Queen smooths potentially divisive talks on Canada's request to end the UK's constitutional powers over it. Four years later the Canada Act puts this into law.

## JUL 25

Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby is born in Oldham, Lancs.

## NOV

Strikes paralyse Britain in the so-called "Winter of Discontent".

## MAY 3, 1979

Margaret Thatcher, Britain's first female PM, is elected with a 43-seat majority.

## AUG 27

The Royal Family is devastated by the assassination of Lord Mountbatten, killed by an IRA bomb on his boat in Ireland.

## APR 18, 1980

Robert Mugabe is PM of Zimbabwe as the country formerly known as Rhodesia, the UK's last African colony, gains independence.



# HER FASHION



## STYLE QUEEN

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**MINT FRESH** ... in a green silk coat and matching hat by milliner Simone Mirman, Surrey, 1973



**TOP GEAR** ... the Queen in a riding outfit at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May 1988



**SIMPLE CHIC** ... in a plain pink dress to meet US President Richard Nixon with Prince Charles in 1969



**FULL BLOOM** ... in a bright floral outfit in Winnipeg during a tour of Canada in July 2010



**SHARP FOCUS** ... in checks as she checks her camera at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May 1973



**MAUVE ON** ... meeting the crowds in Wellington, New Zealand, during her 1977 Silver Jubilee tour



**BLUE BLOOD** ... the Institute of Oceanography in San Diego, California, February 1983



**GREEN QUEEN** ... at a Royal Windsor Cup polo match at Smith's Lawn, Egham, Surrey, July 2021

**APR 11, 1981**

Tensions between black people and police spark rioting in Brixton. Trouble spreads to Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester.

**JUN 13**

Student Marcus Sarjeant fires six blank shots at the Queen as she rides on The Mall during Trooping the Colour.

**JUL 29**

Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Spencer at St Paul's Cathedral. 750m watch worldwide.

**MAY 28, 1982**

John Paul II visits England, the first incumbent pope to do so.

**APR**

The Queen insists Royal Navy helicopter pilot Prince Andrew serves on the front line in the Falklands conflict.

**JUN 21**

Princess Diana gives birth to Prince William Arthur Philip Louis, second in line to the throne.

**JUL 9**

The Queen wakes to find jobless decorator Michael Fagan, 33, in her palace bedroom.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



MIKE  
RIDLEY

**THE Queen was in her mid-50s and the succession was not assured.**

Son and heir Prince Charles had said that, "Thirty seemed a good age to get married".

But he was approaching 32. And despite a series of high-profile girlfriends there was no sign of him settling down and producing an heir.

His mother knew from history – including the painful personal history of her uncle's abdication – that the monarchy slipped into crisis when succession was an issue.

She also knew because a courtier had felt obliged to tell her – of her son's affair with Army officer's wife Camilla Parker Bowles.

Charles had been besotted by Camilla since they dated in the early 1970s. But everyone was against "the prospectless liaison".

The prince had recently become friendly with Lady Diana Spencer, an 18-year-old whose father Earl "Johnny" Spencer had been equerry to the Queen and George VI.

Diana and Charles had first met when she was 16 as he dated her sister Sarah. And the Queen's desire for Charles to put Camilla behind him encouraged hopes that their friendship would lead to marriage.

The result, according to historian Ben Pimlott, was a "fateful collusion" which drew Diana and the prince "into a marriage of convenience that was disguised to everybody, including themselves, as a love match".

Pimlott added: "The Queen played a part in the collusion."

In summer 1980, The Sun's royal photographer Arthur Edwards took the first Press photo of Diana as she watched the prince play polo.

A couple of months later, the Queen invited Diana to Balmoral. Driving beside the River Dee, Arthur spotted Lady Diana as she watched Charles fish for salmon.

"I spoke to my contact," recalls the photographer, "who said, 'She's following him around like a lamb'."

"It was not a question of if Charles was going to marry her but when."

And in September 1980, after Arthur took his famous photo of Diana with the sun shining through her skirt at the London nursery where she then worked, the world was gripped with Lady Di mania.

At Sandringham that Christmas even the normally unflappable Queen snapped, telling photographers hoping for a picture of Diana: "Why don't you go away?"

Soon after, on February 6, 1981 – the 29th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne – Charles proposed to Di at Windsor Castle.

She immediately accepted – and Charles rang his mother. Charles and Diana had met just 13 times.

"Both treated the engagement like a prize," writes Pimlott. "To be displayed as quickly as possible in case anyone had second thoughts."

The engagement was announced on February 24. In a TV interview, when the couple were asked if they were in love, Diana instantly answered, "Of course". But Charles added the fateful words: "Whatever 'in love' means."

Diana later said his answer, "absolutely traumatised me".

A month later, the Queen gave her formal approval to the marriage at a meeting of the Privy Council. Later, Diana and Charles posed with her in Buckingham Palace's Music Room for an official photograph.

Her Majesty could not have been more pleased. Diana was a safe choice and, most importantly, "one of us". But for Diana, the pressure of the impending July 29 service at St Paul's Cathedral made her physically sick. "I felt like a lamb to the slaughter," she said.

In the months before the big day, her problems with bulimia began.

She had moved into Buckingham Palace to escape the media, but felt cut off from her friends and



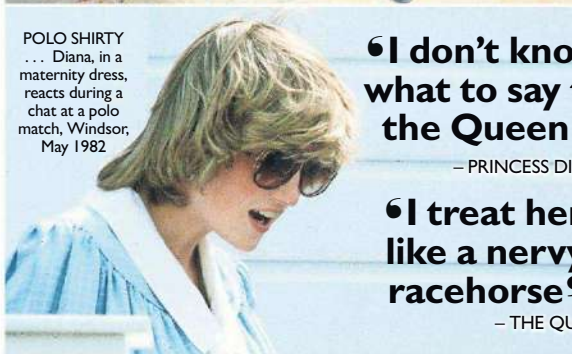
WE ARE AMUSED ... the Queen and Diana on Buckingham Palace balcony after the wedding. More than 750million watched on TV worldwide



CONDITION WED ... photocall after the Queen formally approved the marriage, March 1981



PECKING ORDER ... Diana gives her mother-in-law-to-be a kiss on the cheek at a polo match in Windsor in July 1981



POLO SHIRTY ... Diana, in a maternity dress, reacts during a chat at a polo match, Windsor, May 1982

**'I don't know what to say to the Queen'**

– PRINCESS DIANA

**'I treat her like a nervy racehorse'**

– THE QUEEN

desperately lonely. The Queen's overtures of friendship only caused more stress.

Her Majesty, unaware of Diana's problems, would invite her to lunch to get to know her.

But Diana, still a teenager, would tell her friends: "I don't know what to say to the Queen."

The two women had nothing in common and nothing to talk about. And the Queen soon came to think that Diana was "highly strung" – but she was confident she knew how to handle her. She would say: "I treat her like a nervy racehorse."

Meanwhile, the Queen threw herself into the wedding fever that consumed the nation. She even rang the Archbishop of Canterbury to chat about the music for the service.

The wedding itself was spectacular, with three quarters of a billion people tuning in across the world. Some 600,000 lined the

streets to cheer the newlyweds in their open-topped carriage back to Buckingham Palace.

There, the Queen, wearing light blue, looked on as the couple kissed on the balcony – a move that would become a royal wedding tradition.

Charles, 32, and Diana, 20 earlier that month, began their honeymoon at Broadlands, the Hampshire family estate of the Mountbattens where the Queen and Prince Philip had honeymooned in 1947.

Then, after an 11-day Mediterranean cruise, the couple flew to Balmoral where they posed happily for photographers. But the marriage was already under terrible strain.

During the cruise, Diana was horrified to see photos of Camilla fall out of Charles's diary. Then she found him wearing cufflinks from Camilla, engraved with their initials.

By the time they got to Balmoral to join the other royals, Diana was

miserable. But when she turned up late for meals, or left them early without explanation, the Queen and Prince Philip ignored her behaviour.

Friends of Charles later claimed he blamed his parents for not being more supportive of his young bride.

One revealed: "He felt very let down by his unsympathetic mother and father. When his marriage went wrong he felt criticised by them."

But a courtier of that period said: "The Queen was aware of the stresses and strains. She was wholly sympathetic towards Charles, in fact rather one-eyed in her approach."

Despite the birth of an heir, Prince William in 1982, and of Prince Harry two years later, by the mid-1980s Charles and Diana were effectively living separate lives.

Diana tried to seek comfort from the Queen, but the monarch just could not work out a way to give her what she needed. The princess

would burst into her mother-in-law's sitting room in floods of tears, often shouting: "Everyone hates me!"

The Queen could not deal with it. Nothing in her life had prepared her for that kind of emotional display.

Philip was different, writing long letters to Diana, trying in vain to bring her back into the fold.

**THE full extent of the anguish did not emerge until 1992 and the Andrew Morton book Diana, Her True Story.**

In it, Diana attacked the Royal Family, but stopped short of criticising the Queen, saying she had a "deep respect" for her work.

Diana had promised her mother-in-law: "I will never let you down."

## JUN 9, 1983

On a post-Falklands wave of patriotism, Margaret Thatcher is re-elected with a 144-seat majority.

## MAR 12, 1984

A miners' strike begins over pit closures. After a year of violent clashes and bitter division, the walkout fails.

## SEP 15

Diana gives birth to Prince Henry Charles Albert David. Charles, who wanted a girl, complains: "It's a boy and he's got red hair!"

## OCT 12, 1986

The Queen makes her first state visit to China. Prince Philip tells British students there they might develop "slitty eyes".

## JUL 20

The Sunday Times says the Queen disagrees with Margaret Thatcher – especially on the PM's resistance to Commonwealth demands for sanctions against apartheid South Africa.

## JUL 23

Prince Andrew marries Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey. 500m watch globally. They are made Duke and Duchess of York.



**FOUR WEDDINGS**

**FINEST FLOWER**... the Queen and Diana fuss over bridesmaid Clementine Hambro, Churchill's great-granddaughter, on the wedding day, July 29, 1981

PATRICK LICHFIELD/Getty

# QUEEN AND DI

Months later, in December 1992, PM John Major stood in the House of Commons to announce Charles and Diana's "amicable separation".

The Queen still hoped they might repair the marriage. But in the years that followed, Charles and Diana went on TV and admitted adultery. First it was Charles, in an interview with Jonathan Dimbleby on ITV in 1994, which caused a massive surge in sympathy for Diana. By May 1995 the princess's soaring popularity was such that the Queen feared being booed on the Buckingham Palace balcony at the 50th anniversary of VE Day.

Diana's interview with Panorama in November 1995 won her even more sympathy when she said: "Well, there were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded."

And she added: "I'd like to be a queen of people's hearts." Princess Margaret, one of Diana's biggest

supporters – who could no doubt see elements of herself in her young relative – regarded this as an attack on the Queen and turned against the princess.

Tony Blair, whose New Labour project was courted by Diana before and after he became PM in 1997, said in his 2010 autobiography that the princess's influence was "gravely disconcerting for the monarchy as an institution" – and hence the Queen.

He wrote that her contrast with the royals, "illuminated how little they had changed", and, "for someone as acutely perceptive about the monarchy as the Queen, it must have been deeply troubling... suddenly an unpredictable meteor had come into this predictable and highly regulated ecosystem".

A month after the Panorama interview, the Queen wrote to Charles and Diana advising them to divorce. As mother to a future king,

Diana would still be considered a member of the Royal Family, but during wrangling over the split she announced she was giving up the title Her Royal Highness.

Diana changed her mind about the title and called the Queen, but she replied the matter was "very difficult" – her way of saying no. She later remarked: "She wanted to give up the title, so give it up she will."

One of the Queen's closest friends, Lady Kennard, said: "I was always surprised that they didn't get on. The Queen wouldn't have a row with anyone. But she was rather surprised by many things. I think the Queen would never quite understand what Princess Diana was about."

On August 28, 1996, Charles and Diana's divorce became final. A year and three days later, the princess was killed in a car crash in Paris – a tragedy that presented the Queen with one of her deepest crises.

**O**NE evening in 1973 the Queen told a courtier: "We have marriage trouble. Anne wants to marry Mark Phillips."

She paused, then said: "I think we should do it."

Anne, now Princess Royal, was the first of the Queen's children to marry. She was also the first to divorce and the first to marry for a second time. And her two weddings were a world apart.

The first, in November 1973 to Olympic gold-winning horseman and Army Lieutenant Mark Phillips, sparked an international frenzy.

Their spectacular wedding brought in a new TV era – just as the Queen's Coronation had done 20 years earlier.

This time, the great excitement was that the service would be broadcast live in colour. At that time, most people still had black and white sets, but soon sales and rentals of colour TVs took off.

The princess had met the officer of the Royal Dragoon Guards at an equestrian gathering, and once Anne decided he was The One, she invited him to spend three days with her family at Sandringham. He passed the test.

After approving the marriage, the Queen even offered her future son-in-law an earldom, but following a discussion with Anne, the young man politely turned it down.

Mark was 25 when he wed Anne, 23, at Westminster Abbey on November 14, 1973 – the day Prince Charles turned 25.

Anne arrived in a glass state coach, cheered by a 50,000-strong crowd, and wore a silk gown based on Tudor costume, with dramatic "trumpet sleeves" and a 7ft-long train.

Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey officiated in front of 1,600 guests and the ceremony was televised live to an audience estimated at 600 million people across 141 countries.

The extravaganza set the tone for Charles and Anne's weddings in years to come.

Anne and her husband went on to have two children, Peter in 1977 and Zara in 1981, before separating in 1989 and divorcing in April 1992. It was only the fifth royal divorce in 500 years.

Eight months later, on December 12, Anne married again. This wedding, to Navy officer and Queen's equerry Timothy Laurence, could not have been more different.

At the time the Church of England refused to marry divorced people so the ceremony took place in Scotland, at the tiny parish church of Crathie near Balmoral.

There were only 30 guests, and afterwards Timothy took the wheel of a Land Rover to drive his new bride, plus step-daughter Zara, to a reception where they ate sandwiches and crisps.

The next of the Queen's children to wed was Prince Charles in 1981, by which time Andrew was also in love.

He had met American actress Koo Stark at his 21st birthday in February that year.

At the time the 24-year-old was an understudy in a play at the National Theatre, but it soon emerged that,



**BRIAN HOEY**

more scandalously, she had also appeared in a soft porn film called *The Awakening Of Emily*.

However, the Queen always treated Andrew with a special indulgence, and she was said to be "happy" with the relationship.

Koo even claimed the Queen "made a point" of being photographed with her by the paparazzi in a show of support after reports she had been banned from the palace.

Writing for Tatler later, she said: "We were visible to the paparazzi and Her Majesty made a point of snapping open the News Of The World (front-page headline: 'Queen Bans Koo')."

"Her actions spoke volumes as she poured tea. Her only verbal comment was, 'Oh, I do wish they would call you Kathleen and Andrew.'"

Their love lasted throughout the prince's stint as a Navy officer in the Falklands War the following year, but eventually fizzled out in 1983.

Then in March 1986, Andrew became engaged to Sarah Ferguson, the daughter of Prince Charles's polo manager.

Their wedding took place on July 23 that year. And as well as the usual pomp and pageantry, the day saw some of the most memorable photos ever taken of the Queen.

Relaxed and smiling, she hurled confetti over the newlyweds, both aged 26, as they set off from Buckingham Palace for their honeymoon.

At first the monarch and Fergie got on well – until the fun-loving Duchess let the family down once too often.

The Queen's former private secretary Lord Charteris later said: "Sarah Ferguson was not cut out to be a royal princess in this or any other age."

In March 1992, after having daughters Beatrice and Eugenie, the couple announced their separation. The divorce was finalised in May 1996.

Prince Edward would be the only one of the Queen's children whose marriage did not end in divorce. What is

more, his wife Sophie Rhys-Jones, a former public relations executive, became Her Majesty's favourite daughter-in-law – a friend and confidante.

The couple had met at a tennis match in 1993 and had a relatively simple wedding at St George's Chapel, Windsor, on June 19, 1999.

There was no ceremonial state or military pomp.

Edward, 35, even ignored photographers' requests that he kiss his bride, 34, as they left the chapel.

Instead, Edward waved happily to well-wishers.

The couple went on to have two children, Louise and James – and during the Queen's final years, Sophie became her "rock".

As a royal insider once said: "If you're asking who is Her Majesty's favourite child, it's none of them – it's her daughter-in-law."



**WE DO**... Princess Anne and Mark Phillips, November 1973



**WE DO 2**... Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, July 1986



**WE DO 3**... Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones, June 1999

## DEC 8

British Gas privatised, heralding a massive sell-off of nationalised industries.

## JUN 11, 1987

Margaret Thatcher wins a third term. She will be the longest-serving PM for more than 150 years.

## JUN 19

A cringeworthy royal charity edition of *It's A Knockout*, starring Princes Andrew, Edward, Princess Anne and celebrities, airs on BBC. Edward storms out of a press briefing after it.

## AUG 8, 1988

Princess Beatrice, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, is born at the Portland Hospital, London. Sister Eugenie arrives on March 23, 1990.

## DEC 21

Pan Am Flight 103 is blown up by a Libyan bomb over Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, killing 259 people on board and 11 on the ground.

## NOV 1989

Computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee invents the World Wide Web.

## NOV 22, 1990

Margaret Thatcher steps down after 11 years as PM, replaced by John Major.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



TREVOR KAVANAGH

**ONE** was the Iron Lady who ruled British politics – the other the most famous woman on the planet.

With just six months in age difference, both were at pinnacles in a male-dominated world. But that was where Elizabeth and Margaret Thatcher's common ground ended.

Their weekly meetings were brief, stiff affairs. Some in No10 dismissed the royals as an irritation, some in the Palace disapproved of the Thatcher government's style.

The PM herself was deeply respectful of the monarchy and seemed in awe of the Queen. Her press chief Sir Bernard Ingham later recalled: "She curtsied so low I wondered if she'd get up again."

Thatcher was just one of 15 prime ministers to serve in the Queen's time, their lives spanning almost 150 years of British history.

Winston Churchill had been born in the reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, and served in a cavalry regiment at the Boer War's Siege of Ladysmith in 1899.

He was 77 years old, and a few months into his second spell as PM, when Princess Elizabeth inherited the crown. Five future prime ministers – Blair, Cameron, May, Johnson and Truss – had not even been born.

Indeed, she first met David Cameron, her 12th PM, when he was an eight-year-old pupil at the same school as her son Edward.

Churchill, legendary war leader, had feared the worst when Elizabeth became Queen aged 25. He was "fearful and anxious", Downing St aide Jock Colville noted, and could only say: "I hardly know her, and she is only a child."

But by the time he left office in 1955, the great man was "madly in love with the Queen". Colville once asked him: "What do you talk about?" Churchill replied: "Oh, mostly racing."

Dashing successor Sir Anthony Eden lasted less than two years before he crashed and burned over the Suez Crisis. A Palace aide said: "The Queen believed Eden was mad."

Tory grandee Harold Macmillan came next, helping her transform the British Empire into her beloved Commonwealth. And he was floored by the young Queen's bravery in visiting recently independent Ghana in 1961.

The country was in the midst of dangerous political unrest and seemed about to fall under the Soviet jackboot.

Her triumphant trip instead saw the country embrace its role in the Commonwealth – and jubilant Ghanaians even greeted her as, "the greatest socialist monarch in the world".

Macmillan resigned in 1963, believing he had terminal cancer. He dressed in a white silk shirt when the Queen, near tears, visited him in hospital to discuss his successor, Alec Douglas-Home. Sir Alec renounced an earldom to become PM but did not have a good start to his time in office when he admitted he used matchsticks to help him count when working out his economics.

He was out less than a year later after losing the 1964 election to Labour.

The Queen formed a warm relationship with incoming socialist Harold Wilson, allowing him to smoke his pipe during their official audiences, which often ended with drinks.

The bluff Yorkshireman made the Queen giggle – the secret way to her heart.

Wilson joked about "going to see Mother" for his weekly meeting, but adored the Queen and carried a photograph of her in his wallet.

Next was Tory Ted Heath. The humourless PM was ill at ease with women but admired the Queen as, "one of the best-informed people in the world". Her great friend Harold Wilson then won back the government for Labour, before resigning in 1976. He was followed by Jim Callaghan, for whom the Queen became a reassuring confidante.

Callaghan later revealed: "There was a friendliness but not a friendship."

Next came Thatcher, the fervent royalist. There were clashes over the Falklands War, pit strikes and sanctions against South



GIRLS RULE ... the Queen and Thatcher at No10 in 1985

Africa. The Palace labelled Mrs T "uncaring". Lady Thatcher later insisted that much of the tension was invented, writing: "Stories of clashes between 'two powerful women' were just too good not to make up."

In fact, the Queen was upset by the way Maggie was ditched as PM in 1990, awarding her the Order of Merit just a month later.

Her successor John Major's relationship with the Queen was warm and enduring. He was a trusted intermediary in the unhappy saga of Charles and Diana's failed marriage.

At Tony Blair's first audience after he won office in 1997, Her Majesty told him: "You are my tenth prime minister. The first was Winston. That was before you were born."

And when he became the first PM to "blab" about their private talks, he was given what he later called, "The Look – a frosty stare which could stop a clock at 20 paces".

He was just a few months into his premiership when Diana died, and the Palace felt he hijacked the tragedy. Blair had quickly dubbed her "the People's Princess" and sought to persuade the royals to present a more caring face to a nation in mourning.

Historian Dominic Sandbrook said: "Nobody likes to be in somebody else's debt. The Queen probably did feel he had saved her, but at the same time she didn't like him for it."

Little is known about the Queen's relationship with Gordon Brown during his nearly three years as PM – but his successor David Cameron was another "blabber".

He infuriated the Queen when he told the world how she "purred" down the phone after Scotland voted "No" to independence in the 2014 referendum. Relations soured even further after he stepped down as PM, when he cheerfully chattered away on a podcast about how the royals behaved at Balmoral.

Afterwards, in an unprecedented rebuke, Palace officials said that the former Prime Minister's remarks had caused Her Majesty, "an amount of displeasure".

Again, little is known of his successor Theresa May's relationship with the Queen. Boris Johnson became her 14th prime minister in July 2019, and he had the precious gift of humour which seemed so important in Her Majesty's relationship with her premiers.

Although Johnson's face-to-face meetings were less regular because of Covid restrictions, whenever they were pictured together, the Queen had a smile on her face.

This might be because she was a secret Brexiteer – as The Sun revealed before the 2016 referendum, the Queen backed Britain leaving the EU. Nevertheless, Her Majesty reportedly became disillusioned with the ruling political class, especially during the constitutional crisis over Brexit.

We will never know for sure. Always the soul of discretion, Elizabeth II rarely showed her views on the governing of the country she loved.

Indomitable to the end, it is astonishing to think that so close to death, the Queen was still able to summon the strength to hold her first-ever audience with the last of her 15 Prime Ministers, Liz Truss.



PM QUEUES ... Blair, Thatcher, Heath, Callaghan and Major at a Golden Jubilee dinner in 2002

**H**ER voice husky with flu, the Queen summed up the worst year of her reign with typical understatement.

On a November evening in the 15th Century splendour of London's Guildhall, she told guests gathered to celebrate her 40th anniversary as monarch: "1992 is not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure."

"In the words of one of my more sympathetic correspondents, it has turned out to be an annus horribilis."

The horrible year had begun badly – and just kept on getting worse.

In January, at Sandringham, she was confronted by her favourite son Prince Andrew and his wife telling her their marriage was all but over.

The meeting was brief and painful. Sarah Ferguson later wrote: "She asked me to reconsider, to be strong and go forward."

The couple agreed to delay any decision for six months. But later that month embarrassing photos of the Duchess of York holidaying with her Texan playboy lover Steve Wyatt were published, leading to a legal separation in March.

Meanwhile, the "War of the Waleses" was also occupying the front pages. Charles and Diana had lived relatively separate lives since the mid-1980s while trying to keep up a show of public togetherness. This was now cracking.

In India in February, Diana made a thinly veiled statement on the state of her marriage by going alone to visit the Taj Mahal – the great monument to love – while Charles was at a business meeting.

She told reporters the visit had been "very healing" and when asked what she meant, replied: "Work that out for yourself."

In April, Princess Anne's divorce from



INGRID SEWARD

Mark Phillips was formalised. Throughout these dramas, there had been no criticism of the Queen, but it was clear the royal brand was suffering.

She and the Duke of Edinburgh felt the change in the air on a visit to Australia in February, where their reception was only lukewarm. The wife of the Australian prime minister even refused to curtsy.

Philip, ever the guardian of family affairs, told Diana, in the nicest possible terms, and Sarah more bluntly, that their behaviour was damaging the monarchy.

But the worst was still to come, though its plotting had begun the year before. As royal expert Robert Lacey writes: "The turning point in the history of the modern monarchy occurred in a transport cafe in North Ruislip in the summer of 1991."

Over bacon and eggs, Dr James Colthurst, Diana's friend since her teenage years, had poured out the princess's catalogue of marital grievances to journalist Andrew Morton.

He proposed that Morton should write a book with the princess's covert assistance plus on-the-record testimony of family and friends who she would authorise to speak.

On June 7, 1992, the first extract from the serialisation of Diana: Her True Story appeared in The Sunday Times, and no detail of the agony going on inside the marriage was spared. The next Saturday, Diana stood beside her mother-in-law on the balcony of Buckingham Palace for Trooping the Colour, looking as if absolutely nothing was amiss.

The following week, at Royal Ascot, the tension was there for all to see. Prince Philip snubbed Diana in full view of everyone in the Royal Enclosure, but at least the Princess



IT'S NOT BEEN ONE'S ANNUS ... at Guildhall, November 24, 1992

**"We are all part of the same fabric of our national society and...scrutiny, by one part of another, can be just as effective if it is made with a touch of gentleness, good humour & understanding"**

# HORRIBILIS

## FEB 24, 1991

The Queen makes a rare national TV address as Allied forces take part in Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait after it is invaded by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

## MAR, 1992

The Duke and Duchess of York announce they are separating.

## APR 9

John Major wins a 21-seat majority after a lacklustre General Election campaign by Labour's Neil Kinnock.

## APR 23

Princess Anne and Mark Phillips divorce.

## JUN 16

Andrew Morton's book Diana: Her True Story, sanctioned by the Princess, reveals intimate details about her marriage and life.

## AUG

Duchess of York photographed topless, with lover John Bryan sucking her toes, on holiday in the south of France.

## AUG

"Squidgygate": A three-year-old phone chat between Diana and lover James Gilbey is revealed by The Sun.



## THE DISASTERS OF 1992

ARTHUR EDWARDS



SEOULLESS... Charles &amp; Diana in S Korea, Nov 1992

of Wales was there. Fergie was not. She was socially banished – then embarrassed the Queen by standing with her daughters in Windsor Great Park to watch the royal procession on its way to the races.

As the world lapped up Morton's book, the question was yet again raised of Charles and Diana separating. But unwilling to face up to the constitutional implications, the Queen fell back on her favourite solution – a six-month cooling-off period. But August brought her a double dose of trouble.

**S**he was on holiday at Balmoral when photos were published of a topless Duchess of York by a pool while her "financial adviser" John Bryan sucked her toes.

Even worse, Fergie was at Balmoral with daughters Beatrice and Eugenie when the story broke. The Queen, she recalled, was "furious". She did not scream or shout – that was not her way. Rather she was cold and

abrupt as she berated her daughter-in-law for exposing the monarchy to such ridicule. Fergie said later: "Her anger wounded me to the core."

But for the sake of the children she was forced to spend three more humiliating days at Balmoral before returning to her rented home at Wentworth, Surrey.

By the week's end it was Diana's turn to come under the lash – with far greater consequence to the family – when The Sun published a transcript of a three-year-old phone call between her and friend James Gilbey. He called her Squidgy or Squidge, as well as darling, constantly during the recording, which included exchanges like this: *Gilbey: Squidgy, kiss me. Oh God. It's so wonderful, isn't it, this sort of feeling. Don't you like it? Diana: I love it. I love it.*

More dramatically, Diana called her marriage "torture", talked of her depression and lamented her treatment by The Firm. "After all I've done for this f---ing family".

In a tearful conversation after publication, Diana tried to persuade the Queen that she was being set up and hinted darkly that she believed some of her mother-in-law's courtiers were conspiring to discredit her.

The Queen dismissed this as nonsense, her much-tried patience with Diana running out. But both Her Majesty and Prince Charles clung to the hope the marriage could be saved and plans went ahead for the couple's trip to South Korea in early November.

It was, as predicted, a disaster. There for all to see was a couple who could no longer stand the sight of each other. The Press dubbed them "The Glums".

On November 13, excerpts from yet another illicit recording of a phone call, the so-called Camillagate Tape, were published. Only a few lines were revealed but they were enough to confirm Charles was having an adulterous relationship with old flame Camilla Parker Bowles.

Charles told her: "I adore you",

and added: "Your great achievement is to love me." At the time, the Daily Mirror said the rest of the conversation was "too smutty" to be reported. It was not until January of the following year that the full cringe-worthiness of the transcript was revealed: *Charles: Oh, God. I'll just live inside your trousers or something. It would be much easier!*

*Camilla: What are you going to turn into, a pair of knickers? Oh, you're going to come back as a pair of knickers.*

*Charles: Or, God forbid, a Tampax. Just my luck!*

Days after the first Camillagate story had broken, Charles arranged a shooting weekend at Sandringham with William and Harry.

Diana refused to go and told Charles she was taking the boys to Windsor. Charles snapped and phoned the Queen.

When Her Majesty again pleaded for patience, he abandoned the training of a lifetime and shouted down the line at his mother, "Don't you realise? She's mad, mad, and mad!", and slammed the receiver down.

The Royal Family was going up in smoke – and less than a week later that metaphor became literal. On November 20, 1992 – the Queen and Philip's 45th wedding anniversary – Windsor Castle was engulfed by flames.

The fire started at 11.30am when a restorer's lamp set a curtain alight. Flames quickly spread through the state apartments including St George's Hall.

Large areas of the castle were destroyed but, luckily, because rewiring and other works were in progress at the time, most of the artworks and valuables had been moved into storage.

Prince Andrew, who unlike the Queen and Prince Philip was there at the time, organised a human chain to bring out treasures that were still in place. They managed to save all but two

STORM... Sarah Ferguson, May 1992

pieces: A rosewood sideboard and a huge 1798 painting of George III by Sir William Beechey. One corner of the castle – fortress of the monarchy for almost 1,000 years – had been nearly reduced to smouldering rubble. The next afternoon, the Queen surveyed the damage, a small shocked figure in a hooded mackintosh.

There was a wave of sympathy for her, but on November 22 the mood turned to anger when the Government announced it would foot the bill for the restoration, expected to cost between £20million and £40million.

Throughout the year there had been rumblings about the monarchy's expense to the taxpayer, and the Queen's exemption from paying tax. The bill to fix up what was a private palace was for many the last straw.

In her Guildhall speech on November 24, the Queen responded: "We are all part of the same fabric of our national society and... scrutiny, by one part of another, can be just as effective if it is made with a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding."

Two days later, PM John Major announced that she would start paying income tax. She would also take on responsibility for paying the expenses of most of the royals on the Civil List, with taxpayers funding only her, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother.

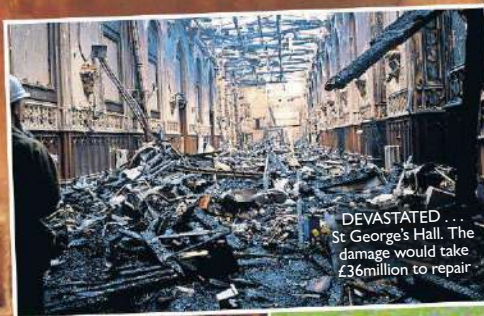
Eventually, 70 per cent of the cost of the £36.5million Windsor repair works was met by opening Buckingham Palace to paying visitors, and by charging an entry fee into the castle precincts. The Queen also added another £2million from her own money.

But the annus horribilis was not over. On December 9, John Major stood in the Commons and said: "It is announced from Buckingham Palace that, with regret, the Prince and Princess of Wales have decided to separate."

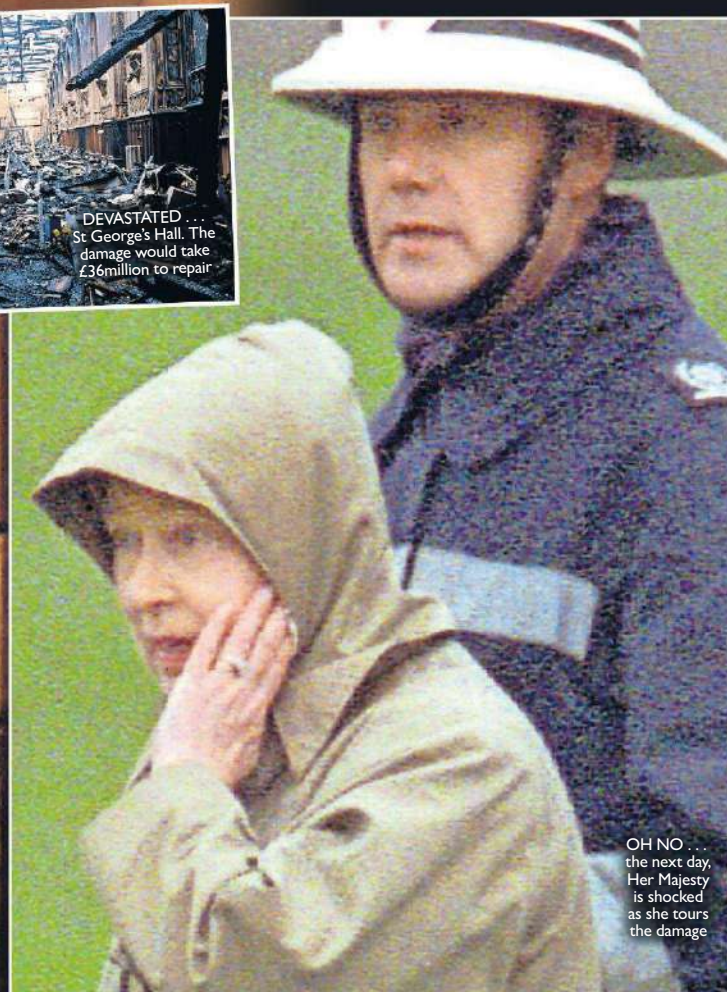
The Queen did not watch the PM on TV, instead taking her corgis for a walk.

When she returned, a member of staff said how sorry he was to hear the news.

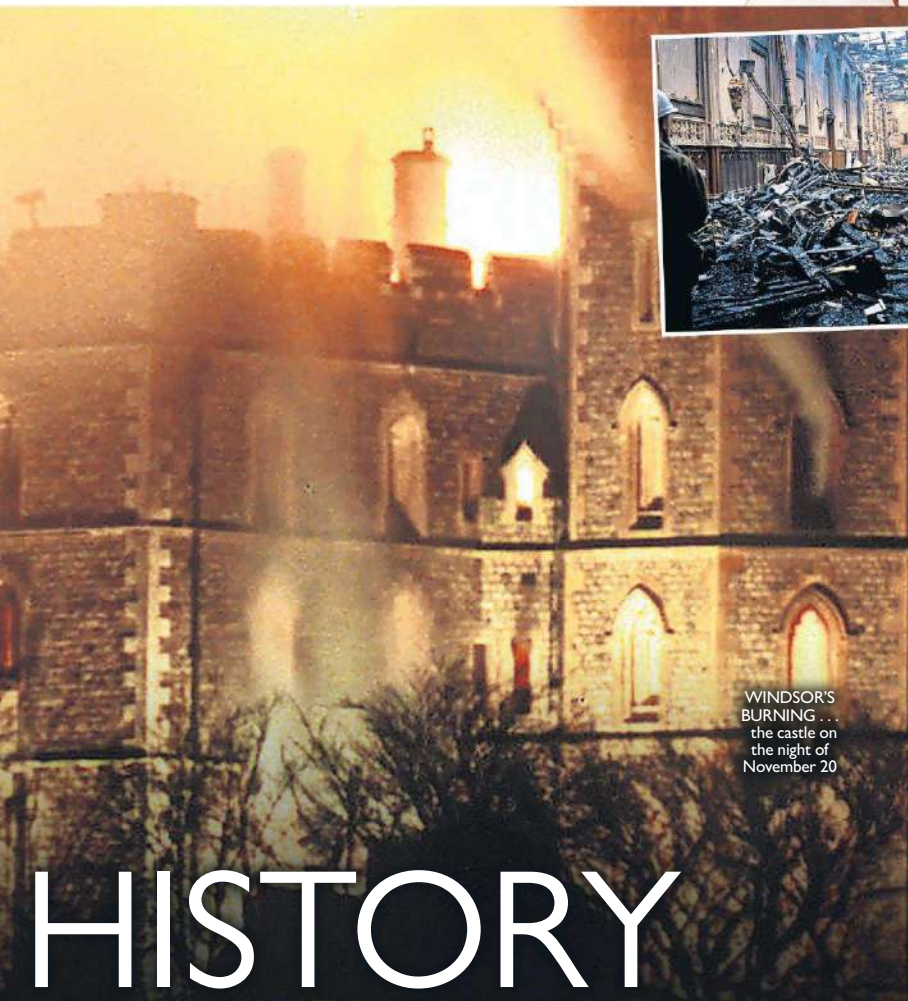
The Queen replied: "I think you'll find it's all for the best."



DEVASTATED...  
St George's Hall. The  
damage would take  
£36million to repair



OH NO...  
the next day,  
Her Majesty  
is shocked  
as she tours  
the damage



WINDSOR'S  
BURNING...  
the castle on  
the night of  
November 20

# HISTORY

### SEP 16

Black Wednesday financial crisis. Britain withdraws the plunging Pound from the EU's Exchange Rate Mechanism.

### NOV 13

The Camillagate tapes – a 6min phone conversation between Charles and Camilla from 1989 – reveal the couple's intimacy.

### NOV 20

Fire started by a restorer's lamp causes £36million of damage at Windsor Castle.

### NOV 24

In a speech at Guildhall, London, the Queen says 1992 has been her "annus horribilis".

### NOV 26

Amid outrage at the cost to taxpayers of the Windsor repairs, the Queen says she will start paying income tax – and remove minor royals from the Civil List.

### DEC 9

The separation of Charles and Diana is announced by John Major in the Commons.

### DEC 3, 1993

Princess Diana announces she is retiring from public life, drastically reducing her charity commitments.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

A NATION IN GRIEF... the Queen and Prince Philip wander among flowers and tributes outside Buckingham Palace on the eve of Diana's funeral, Sept 5, 1997

## DIANA: HER



FLAGGING  
... the  
Union Jack,  
eventually  
lowered to  
half-mast

**A** SMALL figure in black bowed her head as the gun carriage bearing the coffin of Diana, Princess of Wales, passed by.

It was the first and only time the Queen bowed in public to another person. It broke all protocol, all rules. And it was not just the sovereign acknowledging Diana. It was the sovereign acknowledging her people.

The week following Diana's death on August 31, 1997, was a week that changed the monarchy. Never before had Her Majesty faced such anger from a grief-stricken country that could not understand her apparent coldness — infamously symbolised by the flag at Buckingham Palace not flying at half-mast.

For once, the Queen had not put her duty first. For once, her priority was to be a grandmother.

But when those first few dizzying days were over, she recognised her public role too. By the end of the week she captured the national mood in a moving TV broadcast, then came out of Buckingham Palace to join crowds watching Diana's coffin on its way to Westminster Abbey. And she bowed.

The Queen had been at Balmoral with her family, including grandsons William and Harry, when the news came in a call from Paris at 4.15am that Diana was dead. Doctors had been unable to save the 36-year-old from injuries inflicted when a car she was in, driven by over-the-limit Frenchman Henri Paul, crashed a few hours earlier.

The Queen's first thoughts were for Diana's boys. William was 15, Harry just 12. They were asleep, and it was decided they should not be



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woken immediately. In the meantime, Her Majesty — still in her dressing gown — ordered staff not to turn on radios or TVs in case the princes heard them. Newspapers were to be hidden.

The boys were to learn about the tragedy in peace. They were to be allowed to mourn a mother, not a superstar.

Charles woke them and broke the news just after 7am. An hour later, the anguished father met with the Queen to decide what to do next.

Charles wanted to go to Paris to collect Diana's body, despite the couple divorcing a year previously after separating in 1992.

The Queen believed it was more important he stay at Balmoral with his sons.

At this point it's claimed an equestrian interrupted: "Would you prefer, Ma'am, that the body of the Princess of Wales be brought home in a Harrods van?"

It was the first angry voice raised against the Queen for her reaction to the death. It would not be the last.

Charles got his way. But first, the Queen decreed, the family would go to church as usual. Faith, after all, was what had always given the family strength. And so, the first the

world saw of the bereaved William and Harry on that terrible Sunday morning was their small, white faces being driven to Crathie Church in Aberdeenshire.

Diana was not mentioned during the service. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Tony Blair had gone to his own local church service in Trimdon, Co Durham, and made a statement that was beamed live around the world.

He declared: "She was the People's Princess and that is how she will stay."

His words captured the public mood perfectly.

By the next day, the PM's team was urging the royals to speak to the nation. But they held firm. As a courtier stormed: "This is not a bloody election campaign."

Again, for privacy and for the boys, the Queen decided that Diana's funeral should be a small family affair at Windsor.

Charles disagreed. He was already worried that the public, which had taken Diana's side during their troubled marriage, would turn against him even more.

He insisted on a full-scale funeral at Westminster Abbey. The Queen was desperately

divided, especially as to how much the young princes should be involved. As William told the BBC in 2017: "I think it was a very hard decision for my grandmother to make. She felt very torn between being the grandmother to William and Harry and her Queen role."

While the funeral argument continued to rage two days after her death on the Tuesday, rumblings were beginning about why flags on all government buildings were flying at half-



LAST RESPECTS... the Queen bows as Diana's casket passes Buckingham Palace

### MAR 12, 1994

Women priests are ordained for the first time by the Church of England.

### MAR 19, 1995

The Queen visits South Africa for the first time in 48 years, meets President Nelson Mandela and welcomes the nation back to the Commonwealth.

### NOV 20

Princess Diana is interviewed by Martin Bashir on BBC's Panorama, famously revealing: "There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded."

### MAY 30, 1996

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson divorce following four-year separation.

### AUG 28

Charles and Diana divorce. She keeps the title Diana, Princess of Wales, but is no longer Her Royal Highness.

### MAY 1, 1997

Labour's Tony Blair is elected with a 179-seat majority. At 43, he is the first PM born after Elizabeth's accession.

### JUL 1

After more than 150 years of British rule, Hong Kong returns to Chinese control.



**DEATH OF A PRINCESS****BIGGEST CRISIS**

THE WORLD WATCHES... in a room opposite Diana's home, Kensington Palace, the Queen's address on TV

**It is not easy to express a sense of loss, since the initial shock is often succeeded by a mixture of other feelings: Disbelief, incomprehension, anger...and concern for those who remain**

mast – but not from Buckingham Palace. Royal protocol stated that the only flag ever flown above the Palace was the Royal Standard, and only when the sovereign was in residence. This flag represented the monarchy and therefore it was never lowered.

As courtier Sir Malcolm Ross later explained: "She didn't lower the Royal Standard on the death of her father."

But the public did not care about protocol. As Tony Blair later said: "It was very difficult to work out exactly what the Queen was thinking at this time."

"I think she was resistant to anything that struck her as false or struck her as a public relations event in the face of something that was a profound personal tragedy."

**B**UT the depth of the nation's feelings – and how grief was turning to rage against the monarch – was finally becoming apparent even at Balmoral.

On Wednesday, The Sun's editorial fumed: "Not one word has come from a royal lip, not one tear has been shed in public from a royal eye. It is as if no one in the Royal Family has a soul."

By the following day, the issue was on The Sun's front page with the headline: "Where Is Our Queen? Where Is Her Flag?"

The newspaper had been deluged with nearly 42,000 phone calls on the issue, with many readers denouncing the Queen personally. The editorial that day declared: "Let Charles and William and Harry weep together in the lonely Scottish Highlands."

"We can understand that. But the Queen's place is with the people." That same Thursday,

the PM's adviser Alastair Campbell was shocked by the mood on the streets as he walked to the daily funeral meeting.

Tony Blair and Prince Charles told the Queen that if she did not make some gesture, she risked being booed at the funeral.

She was bewildered. This was the public she had served faithfully every day of her reign.

At last, later that Thursday, the Queen issued a statement, a rare step in those days.

Her press secretary, Geoff Crawford, stood outside St James's Palace, where Diana's body was lying, and said: "The Royal Family have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent to the country's sorrow at the tragic death of the Princess of Wales."

"The princess was a much-loved national figure, but she was also a mother whose sons miss her deeply."

"Prince William and Prince Harry themselves want to be with their father and grandparents at this time in the quiet haven of Balmoral."

"As their grandmother, the Queen is helping the princes to come to terms with their loss."

The statement also announced that the Union flag – never before flown above Buckingham Palace – would go up at half-mast.

What is more, the Queen would come to London on Friday, a day earlier than planned, to address the nation on TV.

On her arrival, the 71-year-old sovereign made a brave decision: She would meet

crowds outside the Palace where they had been leaving bouquets for Diana. According to Ingrid Seward's 2017 biography of the Queen, when Her Majesty first appeared in public, someone in the crowd yelled: "About bloody time, too."

One of the Queen's staff told the writer: "That gave the Queen quite a turn... No one could remember ever seeing the Queen so agitated, so unsure of herself."

But with Philip at her side, she continued to look at the floral tributes. Then a young girl, Katie Jones, handed a bouquet to the Queen in a moment that would be seen as a turning point, and which was recreated in 2006 film The Queen, starring Helen Mirren.

Katie later told the BBC: "I was waving my flowers, and she asked me if I wanted her to go and put them down with the rest of the flowers, and I said, 'No, they're for you, Ma'am'."

"She held my hand at this point, shaking, and she sort of questioned me and said, 'Are you sure?'. I was like, 'I think you deserve them, the right thing staying with your grandsons'."

At 6pm that evening, the Queen broadcast to the nation from the Chinese Dining Room at Buckingham Palace. She announced: "Since last Sunday's dreadful news we have seen, throughout Britain and around the world, an overwhelming expression of sadness at Diana's death. We have all been trying in our different ways to cope. It is not easy to

express a sense of loss, since the initial shock is often succeeded by a mixture of other feelings: Disbelief, incomprehension, anger – and concern for those who remain."

"We have all felt those emotions in these last few days. So what I say to you now, as your Queen and as a grandmother, I say from my heart."

"First, I want to pay tribute to Diana myself. She was an exceptional and gifted human being. In good times and bad, she never lost her capacity to smile and laugh, nor to inspire others with her warmth and kindness."

"I admired and respected her – for her energy and commitment to others, and especially for her devotion to her two boys."

"This week at Balmoral, we have all been trying to help William and Harry come to terms with the devastating loss that they and the rest of us have suffered."

"No one who knew Diana will ever forget her. Millions of others who never met her, but felt they knew her, will remember her."

"I for one believe there are lessons to be drawn from her life and from the extraordinary and moving reaction to her death. I share in your determination to cherish her memory."

"I hope that tomorrow we can all, wherever we are, join in expressing our grief at Diana's loss, and gratitude for her all-too-short life."

As one commentator wrote afterwards: "Her words may have rescued her reign."

The next morning, she walked out of the gates of the Palace to wait and watch as Diana's flag-draped coffin was carried to Westminster Abbey. As BBC commentator David Dimbleby noted, the move was, "Another departure from any known protocol."

She stood next to a banner that had been draped on the Palace railings by a mourner reading: "Diana: Princess of Love."

And she bowed.



PETER MARLOW/Hulton Photos

**AUG 31**

The world is in shock as Princess Charles, William and Harry over Diana, 36, dies in a Paris car crash.

**SEP 2**

The Queen, comforting Princes Charles, William and Harry over Diana, stays at Balmoral and is accused of being out of touch.

**SEP 5**

As outrage grows at the Queen's perceived lack of compassion, she flies the Palace Union Flag at half-mast and returns to London to address the nation live on TV, paying glowing tribute to Diana.

**SEP 11 & 18**

Scotland and Wales vote for devolution. Their parliaments sit two years later.

**DEC 11**

The Queen sheds a tear at a ceremony to take the Royal Yacht Britannia out of service after more than 40 years.

**SEP 28, 1998**

In Kuala Lumpur to close the Commonwealth Games, the Queen travels on a commuter train, part of a strategy to "normalise" the monarchy.



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1961... with Harry Truman at White House



1957... Dwight Eisenhower in Washington



13 U.S. PRESIDENTS  
1961... President John F Kennedy and wife Jackie with the Queen and Prince Philip in London



1969... Richard Nixon at Buckingham Palace



1976... with Gerald Ford at the White House



1977... Jimmy Carter at Buckingham Palace



1982... riding with Ronald Reagan at Windsor



1991... at White House with George Bush Sr



2000... at Palace with Bill and Hillary Clinton



2003... meeting George W Bush in London



2011... Barack and Michelle Obama, London



2019... with Donald Trump in Portsmouth



2021... Joe Biden at Windsor Castle



2002... with Madonna at Bond premiere



2012... Girls Aloud at Royal Variety show



2014... Angelina Jolie honoured at Palace



1985... with then Dynasty star Joan Collins



1996... watching show with Paul McCartney



1952... Kirk Douglas, Douglas Fairbanks Jr



1996... Nelson Mandela enjoys state visit



1956... shaking hands with Marilyn Monroe

## PRESIDENTS, PMs



1989... Windsor with Mikhail Gorbachev



1992... with Boris Yeltsin, who tried a hug



2003... London banquet with Vladimir Putin



1983... honouring Mother Teresa in India



1983... with India's Indira Gandhi in Delhi



1980... Vatican visit with Pope John Paul II

### JUN 19, 1999

Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones marry at St George's Chapel, Windsor. They become Earl and Countess of Wessex

### NOV 6

Australia votes 55%-45% to keep the Queen as head of state.

### JAN 1, 2000

The Queen sees in new millennium, joining hands with Tony Blair and Philip to sing Auld Lang Syne at the Millennium Dome, Greenwich, London.

### AUG 4

Queen Mother celebrates her 100th birthday, waving to 40,000 well-wishers from Buckingham Palace balcony.

### JUN 7, 2001

Tony Blair's Labour government is re-elected with a 165-seat majority.

### SEP 11

The world is shocked by al-Qaeda terror attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

### OCT 7

British forces join US military strikes on Taliban-run Afghanistan.

### FEB 9, 2002

Princess Margaret dies in hospital from a stroke at 71.



## HER WORLD OF FAME



1958... greeting Ol' Blue Eyes Frank Sinatra



2005... rock legends Beck, Clapton, Page, May



2001... EastEnders set with Barbara Windsor



2016... an animated Sir David Attenborough

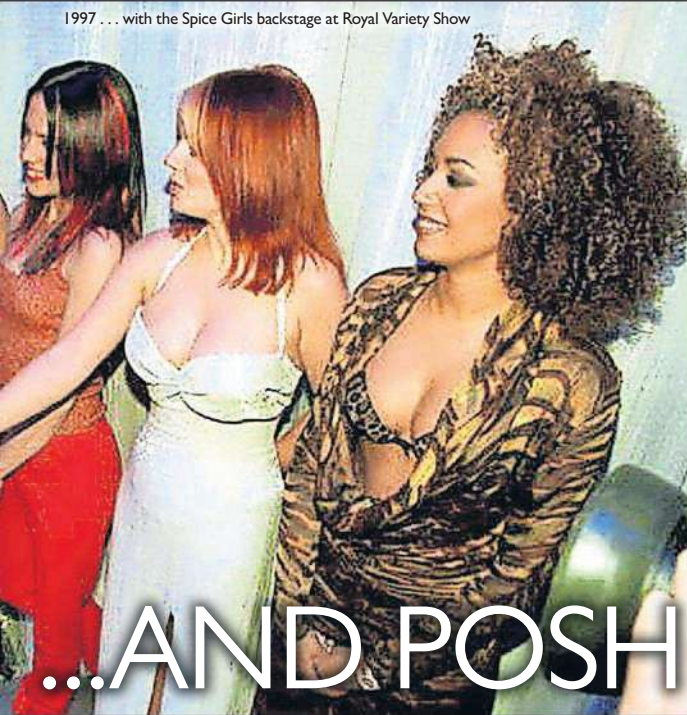


2012... Kylie Minogue at Royal Albert Hall



2009... with Lady Gaga at Royal Variety Show

1997... with the Spice Girls backstage at Royal Variety Show



2012... Elton John at Diamond Jubilee gig



1976... in Washington with Muhammad Ali



1953... chatting with Winston Churchill, the first of 15 PMs to serve during her reign



1955... at theatre with Sir Anthony Eden



1960... with Harold Macmillan at Oxford



1964... with Sir Alec Douglas-Home



1974... at Heathrow with Edward Heath



1976... Harold Wilson's No 10 greeting



1977... lunch date with James Callaghan



1983... service with Margaret Thatcher



1996... party at No 10 with John Major



1997... greeting leaders with Tony Blair



2009... G20 summit with Gordon Brown



2012... at Cabinet with David Cameron



2016... Theresa May attends Palace



2015... greeting Angela Merkel in Germany



1994... Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, London



2002... with Syria's Bashar Al-Assad and wife



1978... with Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu



2015... hosting China's Xi Jinping at Palace



1960... France's Charles de Gaulle in London



2019... Boris Johnson at the Palace



2022... Liz Truss at Balmoral this week

**MAR 30**  
The Queen Mother dies in her sleep aged 101. On April 9, a million people gather for her funeral in London.

**JUN 3**  
Thousands fill The Mall for the Golden Jubilee. Guitarist Brian May plays God Save The Queen on the palace roof.

**MAR 20, 2003**  
British military forces join the US invasion of Iraq. They will remain there for eight years.

**MAY 8**  
The Sun's royal photographer Arthur Edwards receives the MBE from the Queen.

**NOV 19**  
After a month undercover as a footman, reporter Ryan Parry reveals how the Queen serves her breakfast cereal from Tupperware.

**SEP 13, 2004**  
A Fathers 4 Justice protestor stands for five hours on a Buckingham Palace balcony dressed as Batman.

**APR 9, 2005**  
Charles & Camilla marry. The Queen attends the blessing at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

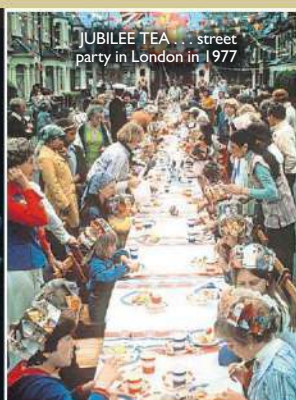


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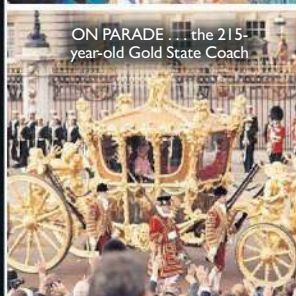


**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN** ... the official Silver Jubilee portrait by Peter Grurgeon, taken in 1975 but released in 1977. Images from the shoot were later used by Andy Warhol and the Sex Pistols

PETER GRURGEON  
Camera Press



**JUBILEE TEA** ... street party in London in 1977



**ON PARADE** ... the 215-year-old Gold State Coach



**NICE TO JUBILEE YOU** ... on tour in Barbados, Nov 1977



**GOLD STANDARD** ... the official 2002 Golden Jubilee portrait by John Swannell. In the Crimson Drawing Room at Windsor Castle, the Queen wears a tiara of 488 diamonds, given to great-grandmother Princess Alexandra in 1888

JOHN SWANNELL  
Camera Press



**HE WILL ROCK YOU** ... Brian May plays the National Anthem on Buckingham Palace roof



**WE'RE MALL HERE** ... thousands pack The Mall for the Golden Jubilee concert and fireworks

## It was a celebration, but also a farewell.

When the Queen stepped out on to the balcony of Buckingham Palace at the end of the wild, wonderful Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022, she had tears in her eyes.

The crowds packing The Mall knew that this was probably the last time they would see her in person.

And she knew it was likely to be the last time she saw them. An insider revealed afterwards: "The Queen was totally overwhelmed."

What a contrast to 45 years earlier, when few seemed that interested in marking the 25th anniversary of the Queen's reign at the start of 1977.

The royal news agenda at the time had been dominated by Princess Margaret's seven-year affair with aristocratic gardener Roddy Llewellyn, 18 years her junior.

The relationship — revealed in February 1976 — had provided a year of headlines for the newspapers as the goings-on of Margaret's hedonistic set on the Caribbean island of Mustique were scrutinised in all their louche glory.

The Queen, apart from her

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sadness for her sister at the loss of her marriage to Lord Snowdon, was not drawn in — although she could not avoid questions about Margaret's Civil List funding.

The Palace had to fight to even get a Jubilee celebration. The Labour government — politically and economically fragile — had bigger fish to fry and feared a flop. The Palace pressed ahead regardless.

On February 6, the date she had inherited the crown 25 years earlier in 1952, Her Majesty attended a service at Windsor's Royal Chapel.

For the rest of the country, there were commemorative stamps and a Jubilee Hymn. After that, everything went quiet. But then came June and the official Silver Jubilee bank holiday — and the entire country went wild. It was a mass celebration the likes of which people would never forget, marking a turning point in attitudes towards the monarchy.

Her Majesty had always been respected — now, for the first time,

she realised she was also loved. As her private secretary Martin Charteris said: "She had a love affair with the country." On June 6, the Queen lit a bonfire at Snow Hill, near Windsor, the signal for 100 more fires to be lit across Britain.

Next day, more than a million people lined London streets to watch her travel from Buckingham Palace to a service at St Paul's Cathedral.

She rode in the eight-horse, 215-year-old Gold State Coach, built for George III in 1762, that she had used only once before, at her Coronation.

Pubs offered drinks at 1952 prices, a pint going for 7½p.

After a walkabout in the City, at a lunch at Guildhall the Queen recalled her "I Serve" speech in Cape Town on her birthday in 1947.

Back at the Palace, the Queen and Philip appeared on the balcony to wave at the crowds. When she stepped back inside, the chant began: "We want the Queen!"

She came out again for an encore — and to a huge roar. Worldwide, more than 500million people tuned in to watch the pageantry on TV. But across the nation, most people were out on the streets.

There were 4,000 official parties in London alone, and bunting decked every town and village. Nothing like

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it had been seen since Coronation Day in 1953, but this time there was no rationing, so trestle tables groaned with food. The one exception was a street in London's East End where residents revived their old wartime diet — spam and chips.

The celebrations ended on June 9 with a river pageant based on those held for Elizabeth I. The Queen travelled on the Thames from Greenwich to Lambeth, making stops along the way, including one to see 100-year-old Florence Stead, who had met Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace in 1887. The Queen and Prince Philip visited 36 counties across the UK that year, and went all over the Commonwealth — to every country where she was Queen.

Her popularity was at an all-time high. Indeed, it was because of the reaction of the people that she relaxed more and introduced the now-standard royal walkabout as a key part of her duties — stopping to chat when she was out and about. A

year that many thought would be a damp squib turned out to be an enormous triumph, not just for Queen, but for country too.

Still, when the next big anniversary came along in 2002, organisers again expected the worst.

The Golden Jubilee to mark 50 years on the throne came at the end of the toughest decade of her reign, when the popularity of the monarchy had taken heavy hits.

In the wake of 1992's annus horribilis and Princess Diana's death in 1997, headlines in January warned: "Palace Fears Jubilee Flop."

Even worse, by Easter the Queen had lost her two longest-standing supporters, with the deaths of the 101-year-old Queen Mother and her sister, Princess Margaret, 71.

But as spring got under way, the celebration acted as a tonic, bringing crown and country together.

On June 4, the Queen looked out from Buckingham Palace's balcony on to a million well-wishers packing

### MAY 5

Tony Blair wins a third term with a 66-seat majority.

### JUL 7

Al-Qaeda-inspired British suicide bombers kill 52 people on Tubes and a bus in London.

### DEC 5

Civil partnerships give same-sex couples legal rights of married couples.

### MAR 5, 2007

Prince Harry's Afghan tour of duty is scrapped after al-Qaeda threats. He later serves 2 months in Helmand.

### JUN 27

Gordon Brown is PM as Tony Blair steps down after ten years.

### JUL 1

Smoking is banned in public places in the whole of the UK.

### FEB 18, 2008

Mohamed Al Fayed tells Princess Diana's inquest that she and his son Dodi Fayed were murdered by the Royal Family, Tony Blair, MI5 and MI6.

### NOV 5

Visiting the London School of Economics, the Queen asks why no one saw the credit crunch crisis coming.



## THE 4 JUBILEES



**OUR DIAMOND**  
... in another John Swannell portrait, to mark 60 years on the throne, wearing the Coronation necklace and earrings worn for the same celebration in 1897 by Victoria, the only other monarch to reach a Diamond Jubilee

JOHN SWANNELL  
Camera Press

**ALL SMILES ...**  
the Queen and Philip take in the celebrations



**RAIN OVER US**  
... the drenched Diamond Jubilee river pageant



**RULE THE WAVES**  
... Elizabeth greets crowds from barge

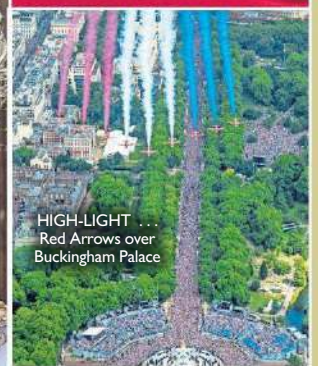


**MAJESTIC ...**  
official portrait for the Platinum Jubilee. Taken in the private apartments of Windsor Castle, the Queen wore a blue dress and matching coat, lined with a pearl and diamanté trim

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD/  
RANALD MACKECHINI



**EAR EAR ...**  
Trooping the Colour fly-past is too loud for Prince Louis



**HIGH-LIGHT ...**  
Red Arrows over Buckingham Palace



**HAND WE'RE OFF**  
... 'lighting' the beacons



**CENTRE STAGE ...**  
slimmed-down Royal Family on balcony on last day of Jubilee

# GLORIOUS

The Mall. While there were fewer street parties than 1977, there was a far bigger public bash: The spectacular Party At The Palace on June 3.

**M**ILLIONS had applied for the 12,000 tickets in a lottery, and another million crowded the streets to watch the concert on giant screens.

Meanwhile, 200million watching on TV saw guitarist Brian May open the show, playing God Save The Queen on Buckingham Palace's roof. The next day, after a service at St Paul's Cathedral, the Royal Family gathered on the Palace balcony to greet crowds and watch a fly-past.

Royal author Matthew Dennison recalls: "At one point the deafening cheers beneath the Palace balcony

rose in a crescendo of screaming at the appearance behind Elizabeth of her elder grandson, Prince William."

William was just weeks shy of his 20th birthday, and had been shielded from public exposure after the death of his mother. Now the public could see him again – looking strikingly similar to Diana – there was no doubting their love for him and, by extension, for the monarchy's future.

The Queen also embarked on a mammoth Golden Jubilee tour around the country and abroad to a number of Commonwealth countries.

The Sun's royal photographer Arthur Edwards went with her to New Zealand and Jamaica, as well as on many trips around the UK, and recalled: "Ten years after the annus horribilis, it was the annus gloriosus. This time everything turned into a triumph. People cared more about her Golden Jubilee than the Millennium. Thousands turned out."

While the Silver Jubilee and, to a lesser extent, the Golden Jubilee

had seemed driven by a genuine outpouring of celebration from the people, 2012's Diamond Jubilee was far more corporate and commercial.

Still, it was a historic occasion: The only other British monarch to mark 60 years on the throne was Queen Victoria. The first major event was another Elizabethan-style river pageant on the Thames. It was planned to be more of a spectacle than the 1977 version – but the big day on June 3 was a washout. Rain poured incessantly during the two-hour procession of nearly 1,000 boats from Battersea to Tower Bridge.

On board the red-and-gold royal barge, the Queen and Prince Philip stood for the whole trip, on the wettest, coldest June day for years.

The Duke of Edinburgh later confessed they had refused to sit on the plush red chairs provided for fear of looking like the Beckhams, who had similar throne-like seats at their 1999 wedding.

The atrocious weather did not deter huge crowds from lining the riverbanks, but it did affect Philip.

Drenched to the skin and frozen, the 90-year-old Duke with the iron constitution succumbed to a bladder infection. He spent almost a week in hospital, missing the rest of the celebrations, including a concert the next day outside Buckingham Palace

organised by singer Gary Barlow. The concert featured Elton John and Paul McCartney – but it was Prince Charles who stole the show.

Photographer Arthur recalled: "The thing everybody remembers is the Prince made a lovely speech then kissed her hand and called her 'Mummy'. Those moments when the family lower their guard and you see the real them are rare."

On September 9, 2015, Elizabeth II overtook her great-great-grandmother Victoria as the longest-reigning British monarch. She had spent 63 years and 217 days on the throne.

And in the summer of 2021 – after 69 years – the Queen announced her Platinum Jubilee in 2022 would be marked by a four-day bank holiday.

It was also her first milestone without Philip at her side. The Duke of Edinburgh had died in April the previous year, just short of his 100th birthday. The Queen's own health was failing by the time June came around, and there were fears she would not appear.

As the festivities loomed, Paddington Bear summed up the national mood. The day before the Queen's final balcony appearance, a short film featuring Her Majesty and the children's favourite had been released. It showed the pair taking tea at the Palace, and the Queen

confiding to her fellow national treasure that she kept marmalade sandwiches in her handbag, concluding with the little bear telling her earnestly: "Happy Jubilee, Ma'am. And thank you. For everything."

Flag-waving well-wishers stretched more than a mile from Downing Street to Buckingham Palace to see her first Jubilee appearance on Thursday, June 2, on the balcony during the Trooping of the Colour.

And four-year-old great-grandson Prince Louis provided some comic relief by screaming and covering his ears during the fly-past.

Later, the Queen was back at Windsor still recovering from the "discomfort" and mobility issues.

It was Prince Charles who, on the final day of the celebrations, urged her to come back to London for the celebrity-filled pageant, which she had not planned to watch in person.

"Tearful and overwhelmed with emotion", Her Majesty later stepped out on to the Palace balcony for the last time. Below her, the vast crowd sang God Save The Queen.

In a statement expressing her "sincere thanks", she said afterwards: "I have been humbled and deeply touched that so many people have taken to the streets to celebrate my Platinum Jubilee. My heart has been with you all."

## APR 1, 2009

US first lady Michelle Obama embraces the Queen at a Palace G20 summit event.

## MAY 11, 2010

Gordon Brown quits as PM after losing power in a May 6 election. David Cameron leads the first coalition government since WW2.

## APR 29, 2011

At Westminster Abbey, Prince William and Kate Middleton marry. One billion people worldwide tune in.

## MAY 17

The Queen is the first British monarch in 100 years to make a state visit to Ireland. She expresses "sincere thoughts and deep sympathy" for the victims of the troubled Anglo-Irish past.

## OCT 19, 2011

Aged 85, the Queen makes her last long overseas tour, to Australia.

## JUN 3, 2012

The Queen and other royals are soaked in constant rain at a Diamond Jubilee pageant of 1,000 vessels on the Thames.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



MIKE  
RIDLEY

## BEING monarch could be said to be the loneliest job in the world.

For much of her life as Queen, Elizabeth had only three people with whom she could truly confide – her mother, her sister and her husband.

In 2002, the year of her Golden Jubilee, she lost two of them, when Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother died.

Margaret slipped away in her sleep on February 9, aged 71, her son and daughter at her hospital bedside.

The heavy drinker, who had taken up smoking at 15 and given up in 1991, had suffered a stroke. A private funeral service was held at Windsor six days later, the 50th anniversary of their father's funeral.

Then, on March 30, the Queen Mother died in her sleep at the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park, aged 101. Her surviving daughter was at her bedside.

Once again the Queen was in mourning. Her mother's flag-draped coffin, covered with an arrangement of the Queen Mother's favourite camellias from her garden, lay in state at Westminster Hall for three days.

More than 200,000 people filed past the coffin, with queues stretching more than a mile. Members of the military, and at one stage her four grandsons – Charles, Andrew, Edward and Margaret's son David, Viscount Linley, stood vigil at the four corners of the casket.

This mark of respect, the Vigil of the Princes, had been done only once before, at the lying-in-state of father-in-law George V. Charles later returned for a private visit.

For the funeral at Westminster Abbey on April 9 more than a million people lined a 23-mile route from central London to her resting place beside her husband and younger daughter in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Ten days later, the Queen attended another state memorial service at Westminster Abbey, this time for her sister Margaret.

It was two devastating blows to the monarch. "The last of her original family had gone," says Sun royal photographer Arthur Edwards.

"She and her mother were so close. They rang each other every day, discussed horse racing and events and what was in the papers and the latest gossip. The Queen absolutely loved gossip."

Afterwards, Her Majesty drew closer to daughter Anne and Prince Edward's wife Sophie, Countess of Wessex, especially during the Covid crisis and after the Duke of Edinburgh's death in April 2021.

But perhaps the deep warmth and love she shared with her mother and sister was only repeated when her grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along.

The Queen had been quite formal with her own children, focused on her job.

That had changed with the arrival of the first of her eight grandchildren, Peter Phillips, born to Princess Anne on November 15, 1977.

Overjoyed, the new grandmother saw that the occasion was marked with a 41-gun salute at the Tower of London.

Soon, a young boy was rampaging around the royal palaces again – and accidentally learning a lot.

Peter, the only royal grandchild to own a corgi, recalled: "From my early childhood, ever since I was causing havoc in the corridors of Windsor, Balmoral and Sandringham with my sister and cousins, it was impossible to ignore the standard my grandmother set."

"She has been an inspirational person throughout my life."

Princess Anne and then-husband Captain Mark Phillips declined the Queen's offer of a title for Peter, who became the first legitimate grandchild of a British monarch to go without one. His sister Zara became the second when she came along in 1981.

The next year, on June 21, 1982, Prince William was born – the grandchild destined to inherit the crown.

The day after his birth the Queen, visiting at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, told Princess Diana: "Thank goodness he hasn't got ears like his father."

The Queen hoped William's arrival would soothe the troubles in Charles and Diana's marriage – and it did for a time, at least so it seemed to her. But a few years later

NORMAN PARKINSON



WE THREE... the Queen, Queen Mum and Margaret pose for pioneering fashion photographer Norman Parkinson in 1980



I KNOW THAT FACE... Prince Harry smirks as the Queen inspects his graduation parade, April 2006



GREAT, GRAN... with Wills and Harry at a Windsor polo match, 1987



ARCH GALLERY... Philip, Harry, Meghan and her mother Doria admire baby Archie, June 2019



YELLOW THERE... William and Kate's official wedding photo, April 2011

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE



Her Majesty was worrying about Diana's effect on William and brother Harry, who was born in 1984.

She thought William and Harry were "badly behaved" because Diana did not discipline them.

"The pair were allowed to run riot," royal commentator Ingrid Seward says, "racing up and down corridors and shouting like little boys do."

But was Diana's lack of "discipline" simply her attempt to give her sons a more "normal" childhood?

After Diana's death in 1997, the Queen took responsibility for William and Harry, then aged 15 and 12. She made one of the biggest blunders of her reign, not coming to London after the tragedy – but it was an attempt to protect the boys.

After Diana, the Queen worked hard to agree with the media that the boys would be off-limits until they had completed their full-time education. It gave them the space that had been denied previous modern royals.

"In the case of William it changed the course of history," says former Sun royal writer Duncan Larcombe. "Because of the media deal, he was allowed as future King to

meet Kate Middleton at university and for their romance to slowly build."

But the Queen soon became deeply concerned about Harry, who was going off the rails. "From the moment his mother died, Prince Harry wanted to throw in the towel," says Larcombe.

"He didn't want to be a royal and rebelled against it. I'm not sure the Queen really knew what to do about him."

At Eton he scored some of the lowest results in the college's history. His behaviour in his "gap year" brought the Queen's media agreement to an end.

Stories emerged of him charging drunkenly around the world chasing beautiful women.

In October 2004 he "attacked" a photographer outside Pangaea nightclub in London's West End and then, in January 2005, turned up at a fancy dress party dressed as a Nazi.

Later that year, after the Queen and his father urged him to get his life together, Harry enrolled in the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

And in April 2006, the 21-year-old was among 220 officer cadets inspected by Her Majesty at their graduation parade. During the

ceremony, the beaming Queen stopped in front of a grinning Harry and said: "Now this is a face I recognise."

The Queen had a simpler relationship with her other grandchildren, particularly Prince Andrew's children Beatrice, born in 1988, and Eugenie, born in 1990 – both princesses after their father requested the title for them.

Despite the family's troubles with their mother Sarah Ferguson, Beatrice and Eugenie were very much favourites of the Queen.

And Zara, of course, bonded with her grandmother over horses, going on to win a silver equestrian medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

The Queen's youngest grandchildren – Edward's children Louise, born in 2003, and James, born in 2007 – have stayed mainly out of the spotlight.

The Queen became a great-grandmother for the first time in December 2010, when Peter Phillips and then-wife Autumn Kelly had daughter Savannah.

It was a happy time for the royal grandchildren.

The previous month, William announced his engagement to Kate Middleton. The monarch pronounced herself "absolutely delighted" and

### JUL 27

"Good evening, Mr Bond." The Queen appears with 007 actor Daniel Craig in a video for the London Olympics opening ceremony, seen by 900million people.

### JUL 22, 2013

Prince George Alexander Louis, son of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and third in line to the throne, is born at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

### OCT 24, 2014

The Queen sends her first tweet, from London's Science Museum.

### SEP 14

The Queen intervenes in the Scots independence debate, telling well-wishers at Balmoral she hopes people will "think very carefully about the future". Four days later Scotland votes "No" by 55%-45%.

### JAN 2, 2015

The Palace denies "any suggestion of impropriety with under-age minors" by Prince Andrew as he is named in a US case against sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.



**GREAT GRANDMA'AM**

**HOW GRANNED** ... snap of the Queen, Prince Philip and seven of their great-grandchildren at Balmoral, taken by the Duchess of Cambridge in 2018. *From left, Prince George, Prince Louis being held by Her Majesty, Savannah Phillips (at rear), Princess Charlotte, the Duke of Edinburgh, Isla Phillips holding Lena Tindall, Mia Tindall*



**KEEP CAM, CARRY ON** ... at Charles and Camilla's blessing after their wedding in Windsor, April 2005

**MARTIN PHILLIPS**

## **EVEN Prince Charles' love life was proving less of a headache to the Queen.**

The problem six years before was that, in the wake of Princess Diana's death, Charles was continuing his affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. The Queen liked Camilla but banned her entering any royal premises or appearing on any royal guest list. Charles, however, insisted his mistress was "non-negotiable".

While the Queen was on holiday in Balmoral, Charles held a party at Buckingham Palace and included Camilla on the guest list, cheekily suggesting in a speech that, "when the cat's away, the mice will play".

When the news reached the Queen in Scotland, she suddenly wondered what would happen if she died and Charles became King as an unmarried man with a mistress that many were still hostile to.

She decided that, since the problem of Camilla would not go away, she should be welcomed instead. She also believed that for Charles to be a good king he would need to be happy – and Camilla made him so.

So the Queen told Charles he should be seen openly with Camilla – at weekends to start with – and eventually be allowed to marry, which they did on April 9, 2005.

The Church of England had changed its rules three years earlier to allow a divorced person whose former spouse was still alive – as Camilla's ex-husband Andrew Parker Bowles was – to wed in a religious ceremony.

But the Prince became the first member of the Royal Family to marry in a civil ceremony.

The Queen diplomatically avoided the service at Windsor Guildhall but attended a televised blessing after. She also hosted a lavish reception at Windsor Castle where, in a warm speech, she alluded to the Grand National when she said the newlyweds had, "overcome Becher's Brook and The Chair and all kinds of terrible obstacles".

She added: "I am very proud. My son is home and dry with the woman he loves. Welcome to the winner's enclosure."

set about helping them plan the big day. William later revealed how officials had handed him a list of 777 guests that he should invite to the wedding – not one of whom he or Kate knew.

He went straight to the Queen. He said: "I said, 'Listen, I've got this list, not one person I know. What do I do?'. She went, 'Get rid of it. Start from your friends and we'll add those we need in due course. It's your day.'"

**WILLIAM and Kate had their first child, Prince George, in 2013, followed by Princess Charlotte in 2015 and Prince Louis in 2018.**

The following year on May 6, Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, gave birth to Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, who the Queen first met at Windsor Castle two days later.

In a photo taken with Prince Philip and Meghan's mother Doria Ragland, the Queen beams at Archie, her eighth great-grandchild.

The Queen, committed to an engagement,

could not attend the baby's christening by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Windsor, when Harry and Meghan refused to name their baby's godparents and at first declined to have a photocall. It was the first public hint of the worst Royal Family split since Edward VIII's abdication.

"There was absolutely no reason why people shouldn't know his godparents," says Ingrid Seward. "I think the Queen found that a little unusual."

It was even more unusual when, two years later, with the trauma of Megxit still rumbling, Harry and Meghan chose the Queen's childhood name for their daughter, born in California on June 4, 2021.

Palace sources told the BBC they had not asked the Queen before naming the baby Lilibet Diana. But the couple said Harry had mentioned it to his grandmother and she had been "supportive" and they fired off legal letters to the media warning that to suggest otherwise would be "defamatory".

Perhaps the best insight into the Queen's excitement and love for her grandchildren and their children came in a 2016 TV interview with the Duke of Cambridge.

Prince William said: "I think there were

moments when she loved the noise... it brought the house to life and made a real family atmosphere. And there were other moments when I think she wanted to smack us all over the head and tell the noisy children to go next door."

Once at Balmoral, he revealed, he and cousin Peter Phillips were on a quad bike chasing Zara in a go-cart: "Peter and I managed to herd Zara into a lamppost and the lamppost came down and nearly squashed her. My grandmother was the first person out, running across the lawn in her kilt."

"She came charging over and gave us the most almighty b\*\*\*\*ing king."

William added: "She's been a very strong influence and, having lost my mother at a young age, it's been particularly important to me that I've had somebody like the Queen to look up to, and who has been there and understood some of the more complex issues when you lose a loved one."

To mark her 90th birthday in 2016, the Queen posed for renowned celebrity portrait photographer Annie Leibovitz with youngest grandchildren Louise and James plus the five great-grandchildren she had at the time: George and Charlotte, Savannah and Isla

Phillips, and Zara's daughter Mia Tindall. Mia stole the show by holding Her Majesty's handbag for the occasion.

Two years later, the Queen shared tips on how to cope with the grandkids at Christmas in a documentary with Sir David Attenborough.

Talking of tree decorations, she said: "That is always the problem – the children love knocking those off. Well my great-grandchildren do, anyway."

"They enjoy themselves. And the great thing is to make them decorate it and they're a bit more careful."

With Princes George and Louis and Princess Charlotte, the Queen takes great comfort that the succession is assured for the rest of the century.

"You cannot put a value on how much it will have meant to the Queen to have spent time getting to know George, who ultimately will take her position," says Duncan Larcombe.

"One day, as they place the crown on his head, his thoughts may well go back to the times he spent as a child with the lady he called 'Gan-Gan', his remarkable great-grandmother."

### **MAY 2**

Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana is born at St Mary's, Paddington. The Cambridges' second child is fourth in line to the throne.

### **SEP 9**

Elizabeth becomes Britain's longest-reigning monarch at 63 years, 217 days, passing Queen Victoria's record.

### **JUN 23, 2016**

Britain votes 51.89%-48.11% to leave the EU. David Cameron resigns and Theresa May is PM.

### **FEB 6, 2017**

The Sapphire Jubilee, 65 years as Queen. 41-gun salutes are fired.

### **MAY 22**

Twenty-two people are killed and 200 hurt in a suicide bombing at a concert at Manchester Arena. 13 die in Islamist attacks at Westminster in March and London Bridge in June.

### **JUN 8, 2017**

An election called by Theresa May to increase her majority backfires, with a hung parliament plunging Britain into Brexit deal chaos.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



ALLY ROSS

**I**N more than 20 years of watching television professionally, it's still the most brilliant, memorable and unexpected moment I've ever had the privilege of reviewing.

The Queen's sudden, dramatic appearance at the Olympic opening ceremony, July 27, 2012.

Not an impersonator, like Jeannette Charles, who used to crop up on everything from *The Naked Gun* to *Austin Powers In Goldmember*, or some CGI special effects trickery.

It was the **ACTUAL** Queen, turning round from her Buckingham Palace desk, to deliver just four perfectly-timed words to Daniel Craig: "Good evening, Mr Bond."

She'd been expecting him, you see. Unlike me and about 900million other viewers around the world who thought they'd already seen it all on that magical overcast night in East London.

But there she was, absolutely nailing the part before she marched down the Palace corridors, with 007 Craig unable to conceal his own astonishment, towards a waiting helicopter which, we were supposed to believe, would parachute them both into the stadium that's now named in her honour.

*An eternity seems to have passed since that unforgettable night and there was a lifetime of service and duty before it happened.*

The image of the Queen at the London Olympics endures, though, because she'd always seemed a separate and almost remote figure in popular culture until then.

An odd thing to say, perhaps, given she has appeared on every UK banknote and stamp you've ever handled, her face reproduced billions of times, including by provocative folk such as Andy Warhol, Lucian Freud and Spitting Image puppetmakers.

But the role of monarch required her to tread a very fine political line and exert caution and distance even when she was addressing the whole nation on Christmas Day.

It's understandable then that the professional face barely slipped when she was required to attend all those painfully long nights at the Royal Variety Performance, an event she subjected herself to in much the same way, as critic Clive James once pointed out, as the Queen Mother subjected herself to the Luftwaffe during World War Two.

Thirty-nine times the Queen had to pin on the rictus grin before she finally called it quits after the 2012 event, which featured, among others, Robbie Williams, Alan Carr, Ashleigh & Pudsey, One Direction



ANDY WARHOL



PRINTS CHARMING... Andy Warhol's Queen Elizabeth II 335, created in the mid-1980s and bought by the Queen in 2012



CORGIE & BESS... her Spitting Image puppet

and Des O'Connor. No fool, though, her Majesty. She took in everything and also knew what she liked.

So when Suggs, from Madness, approached her performing on the roof of the Palace, at the 2012 Diamond Jubilee concert with an old gag, she was ready for him.

"Excuse me ma'am, are you into football?"  
"Not particularly, no."  
"Can I have your Cup Final ticket then?"  
"Tommy Cooper, right?"

Right indeed. Because you don't last that

long as the figurehead of your nation if you aren't tuned into the way your subjects are thinking and what makes them laugh and cry.

It's fair to say, the Queen's own tastes were conventional and populist, covering such family favourites as *Downton Abbey*, *Doctor Who* and even *Pointless*, hosted by Alexander Armstrong.

Her views on The Crown, where she was played by Claire Foy, Olivia Colman and Imelda Staunton, were probably less

favourable. But, as always, she was more than smart enough to keep her opinions private, just as she did when the Sex Pistols released their infamous *God Save The Queen* single, in 1977, her jubilee year.

By modern standards, that record now seems quite tame and singer John Lydon was, as recently as 2017, falling over himself to explain just how much he loved royal pageantry and would "miss the Queen".

But that was the essence of this astonishing woman, who had the wisdom to say

nothing just as she had the instinct to accept the invitation to take part in the Olympic opening ceremony which commentator Barry Davies summed up perfectly when he said: "Never can Her Majesty have been introduced to her subjects like that. And the crowd loved it."

They certainly did. And it's a clip that's worth watching again and again because, just after she's appeared in the stadium and taken her place among the dignitaries, the faintest and most playful of smiles appears on that famous face.

*She'd done the right thing again and she knew.*



BBC

BONDING... with 007 Daniel Craig in the Olympics video and, left, 'the Queen' jumps from a helicopter at the stadium



LUCIAN FREUD

STARK... Lucian Freud portrait



**AUG 2**  
Prince Philip retires at 96, meeting Royal Marines in his last public engagement, one of 22,219 since 1952.

**NOV 20**  
Queen & Philip celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

**NOV 27**  
Prince Harry and TV actress Meghan Markle, who he met on a blind date, get engaged.

**APR 23, 2018**  
The Cambridges' third child, Prince Louis Arthur Charles, fifth in line, born at St Mary's, Paddington.

**MAY 19**  
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle marry in a diverse and star-studded ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor, seen by 1.9billion people. Meghan later falsely claims they had wed three days earlier.

**JAN 17, 2019**  
Prince Philip is unhurt but badly shocked after crashing his Land Rover near Sandringham.



## ICON OF POPULAR CULTURE



ELEANOR SPRAWSON

HER ROYAL LIGHTNESS... a holographic portrait, *The Lightness Of Being*, by Canadian artist Chris Levine from 2004. He took hundreds of photos in 8-sec exposures. This one happened when he asked the Queen to 'rest' between shots. Levine says her closed eyes 'take us into the Queen's mind, her inner realm'.

**S**HE wore £7.99 nail varnish and kept snug with a £30 electric heater - but the Queen's thrifty ways did not stop controversies over her finances.

Indeed, outcries over the royals' cost to taxpayers were almost the only times she faced any serious public unhappiness.

Such anger was nothing new - Henry VIII provoked uproar when he spent an entire year's tax revenue on Christmas celebrations in 1509, his first year as king.

By contrast, the Queen was "extraordinarily frugal", according to Sunday Times Rich List compiler Philip Beresford, who said: "The most she's into are a few racehorses."

She made horses' bedding out of newspapers and stashed away old string for re-use.

Of course, the Queen was fabulously wealthy, but it was always difficult to work out exactly how rich she was.

The 2021 Sunday Times Rich List put her wealth at £365million, not even in the top 300 in Britain.

In earlier years she had routinely been in the No1 spot, but that was before the list excluded assets she could not sell, such as the royal art collection, estimated to be worth £11billion.

Nevertheless, she was for decades the richest woman in the world. And that got up some taxpayers' noses when they had to pay for the royals. Elizabeth received public funds since childhood, when she got £5,000 a year from the Civil List for expenses. It went up to £15,000 when she turned 21 in 1947.

But it was not until she was about to marry Philip that year that she faced her first financial bust-up. The Palace asked the government to give the couple a joint annual Civil List payment of £50,000, the equivalent of just over £2million in 2021. Labour Chancellor Hugh Dalton was appalled. He disliked the royals to start with but Britain was also in the depths of crushing post-war austerity.

The Government threatened a public investigation, then fate intervened at the last moment.

Dalton had to resign after inadvertently leaking part of the Budget to the Press, and his replacement, Sir Stafford Cripps, had a friendlier attitude.

He agreed to the Palace's bid for £50,000 a year - £40,000 for Elizabeth and £10,000 for Philip.

With some MPs objecting to courtiers they called "spivs and drones and butterflies", it scraped through Parliament.

As Queen in 1952, Elizabeth's annual Civil List payment was £475,000 a year. The bulk went on paying staff and the expenses of "lesser" royals.

This stayed fixed, and therefore uncontroversial, until inflation and one of Prince Philip's gaffes kicked off another row in 1969. There was

arguably good reason for the royals to make a gentle request for more cash. Instead, on tour in the US, the Duke of Edinburgh went on TV and announced that the monarchy was on the brink of going broke.

He explained: "We may have to move into smaller premises. 'We had a small yacht we had to sell, and I shall have to give up polo fairly soon.'"

Unsurprisingly, this did not win much sympathy. But behind the scenes it was recognised that more money would have to be found. So in 1970 the Queen's Civil List payment was boosted to £980,000 a year - to be reviewed every ten years.

By 1991, inflation had taken the payment to £7.9million, but that was as high as it ever got, and remained the same for the next 20 years.

Lower inflation helped, but so had the Palace's appointment of an "efficiency expert", who cut bills in half with ideas such as getting people to turn off

lights in empty rooms. His wizardry did not stop another outcry about funding in 1992, the Queen's "annus horribilis".

The Queen was still at the top of the Rich List, but she did not pay income tax on money that poured in from assets like rent.

Then there was the stock portfolio - kept secret ever since she lobbied the Government in the Seventies for it to be exempt from scrutiny.

The final straw came when the Government said it would pay the £40million repairs for the Windsor Castle fire. There was a furious backlash, and in days PM John Major announced that the Queen would pay income tax and capital gains tax. She would also fund the working expenses of the minor royals, rather than them remaining on the Civil List.

Buckingham Palace was soon opened to paying visitors in the summer to help meet the bills. Finally, in December 2011, the Civil List - in place since 1760 in the reign of George III - was ditched. Instead, Elizabeth was granted 15 per cent of profits from the Crown Estate - property owned by the monarchy, not the monarch. This includes nearly all of London's Regent Street and half the UK's entire foreshore, meaning huge rent revenues which go to the Treasury apart from the Queen's share.

This so-called Sovereign Grant can be boosted in times of need, and in 2016 it was raised to 25 per cent of the Crown Estate's profit each year until 2027, to pay for repairs to Buckingham Palace.

It turned out that when it rained Palace staff were having to put out buckets to catch the water and save artworks. On another occasion, when a workman tried to fix the Queen's chain-pull toilet, the whole thing came away from the crumbling wall. For once, the spending increase was uncontroversial.



SOME CHANGE... pennies from 1953, 1971, 1993, 2008

# QUEEN OF ARTS

CHRIS LEVINE/National Portrait Gallery, London

Her image is on every stamp and banknote ...but her Olympics appearance revealed her true essence

**NOV 16**

A disastrous Prince Andrew interview with the BBC's Emily Maitlis is broadcast on his relationship with paedophile Jeffrey Epstein and accuser Virginia Giuffre. Four days later he steps down from royal duties.

**DEC 12**

PM Boris Johnson, who took over from Theresa May in July, wins an 80-seat majority at a snap General Election.

**DEC 31**

A cluster of cases of respiratory illness Sars-CoV-2 reported in Wuhan, China.

**JAN 31, 2020**

The UK leaves the European Union after 47 years.

**FEB 19**

A month after The Sun reveals the Sussexes are quitting as royals and moving to North America, the Palace confirms the couple will not return to royal duties and Harry will give up honorary military titles.

**MAR 11**

Covid-19 declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.



# Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

ALONG FOR THE BRIDE... Queen watches as Meghan and Harry marry at St George's Chapel, Windsor, May 2018

WE'LL MEET AGAIN... Covid broadcast on a giant screen in Piccadilly Circus, April 2020

ARISE, SIR TOM... Capt Tom Moore is knighted at Windsor, July 17, 2020

MEGXHIT... giggling at a bridge opening in Widnes, Cheshire, June 2018, before the rot set in

MY HUSBAND AND I... with Philip in lockdown at Windsor in a snap for his 99th birthday, June 2020

## AS EVER, the Queen summed it up in one telling sentence.

Referring to her grandson Prince Harry's £18million wedding to Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle, she said simply: "The dress was far too white."

According to royal expert Ingrid Seward: "In just six words, she expressed her doubts about the suitability of Meghan for life as a royal."

Ingrid added: "The Queen could always capture everything in a pithy sentence. 'She didn't say, 'I thought the dress was far too white'. Her worries about Meghan were there, encapsulated in the wedding gown that the Queen felt was too white to be worn by a divorcee with a past. History had made the Queen very wary of divorced American women joining the Royal Family and the events that followed Harry and Meghan's wedding proved she was right to be worried."

Windsor Castle, the Queen's favourite home, was to play a major part in the latter years of her life. It was her safe haven during the Covid pandemic and the final resting place of her beloved husband.

But it was also where law officers tried to serve legal papers on her favourite son Prince Andrew during the Jeffrey Epstein scandal.

And it was where the seeds of the Megxit crisis were sown – a crisis that would haunt the royals right up to the Queen's death.

Ingrid Seward said: "When you look back at the Queen's life, it had never been a smooth ride – but the real tragedy for her was Prince Andrew. He was the person she thought she could rely on to the end of her days, but he was not able to fulfil a royal role."

Harry and Meghan moved into Windsor's



MIKE RIDLEY

Frogmore Cottage in April 2019, after spending their first year of married life at Kensington Palace. The first signs of serious fractures in their relationship with the family came soon after – although there had been problems since their wedding at Windsor Castle in 2018.

It was a celebrity-packed bash, with Meghan's mum, Doria, the only relative she invited to attend the service.

Ingrid Seward said: "Before Meghan started being destructive to the family, which I think was probably around the time of the wedding, I believe the Queen liked her. The Queen took Meghan on a few engagements and I think she had high hopes for her, as she did for Diana."

"She really, really tried because the Queen thought Harry and Meghan would be perfect ambassadors for the Commonwealth. The Queen was very astute and she must have been worried because Meghan was an American divorcee and Prince Philip kept saying, 'It's the Duchess of Windsor all over again.'"

By the time of the wedding, Harry and Meghan were barely on speaking terms with William and Kate – the beginning of a feud that would go on for years.

Ingrid said: "I think the christening of their

son Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor at the private chapel in Windsor in July 2019 was when things really began to sour.

When Archie was born, his parents didn't want to pose for any photographs and in the end pictures were taken at Windsor.

"But when they refused to name his godparents after Archie's christening, the Queen found that very unusual."

A month later, Harry and Meghan shunned the Queen's invitation for them and Archie to stay with her and Philip during the annual summer family holiday at Balmoral, Aberdeenshire. The official excuse was Archie, three months, was, "too young for air travel".

But the Duke and Duchess of Sussex did manage to travel with their baby to Menorca for a week in August before heading to the south of France to stay with Elton John.

One former courtier sniped: "The Cote D'Azur with Elton but no Balmoral with Granny? They seem to have got their queens mixed up."

Harry's brother William, his father Prince Charles and the Queen came to feel the honeymoon was over with Meghan and Harry.

But for Harry, the split had been a long time coming. Former Sun Royal Editor, Duncan Larcombe said: "From the moment Diana died, Harry wanted to throw in the towel. He didn't want to be a royal, he rebelled against it."

"The Queen was deeply concerned about Harry because she was always incredibly fond of him but I'm not sure she really knew what to do."

The Queen certainly did

know how to respond when Harry and Meghan sabotaged an otherwise acclaimed visit to southern Africa in September 2019 by moaning about their lot in life to Tom Bradby in an ITV documentary and launching three lawsuits against the British media.

Author Robert Lacey said: "The absence of a single Sussex from the photographs surrounding the Queen in her Christmas broadcast in 2019 reflected a deliberate decision on her part."

For Harry and Meghan, the Queen's choice of Christmas pictures was, "yet another sign they needed to consider their own path."

By that stage, the couple had fled from Frogmore Cottage – where a £2.4million taxpayer-funded refurbishment had sparked a public backlash – to a four-acre estate at Vancouver Island, Canada.

The idea was for them to take time out to make a decision on their next move.

Over Christmas, Harry spoke on the phone to both the Queen and Prince Charles about his plans for the future. He and Meghan could work for the Commonwealth while living in Canada, he suggested.

Both senior royals seemed open to talk about it further, but when Harry phoned their offices to set up a date, he was told the Queen would not be available for another month.

Instead of waiting, he and Meghan decided to pull the plug on their lives in The Firm.

When The Sun broke the news of what became known as Megxit on January 8, 2020, the Queen's dream for the couple to become key members of the modern Royal Family lay in tatters. Harry and Meghan made their last appearance with the Queen at the Commonwealth Day Service in Westminster Abbey in early March 2020.

Their rift with William and Kate was plain to see at the ceremony, with the couples barely acknowledging each other. Meghan



ACCUSED... Prince Andrew, facing sex offence allegations, looks haunted as he drives at Windsor, October 2021

### MAR 7, 2020

The Sussexes, interviewed by Oprah Winfrey, make allegations of royal racism and neglect. Two days later the Queen's 61-word response includes the line "recollections may vary".

### APR 5

Twenty-four million people watch the Queen address the nation on the Covid lockdown. She promises: "We'll meet again."

### NOV 20

The Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary in lockdown at Windsor.

### APR 9, 2021

After a four-week hospital stay, Prince Philip dies aged 99 at Windsor Castle with the Queen at his bedside. Buckingham Palace says his cause of death was "old age".

### APR 17

Elizabeth sits alone, socially distanced and in a mask, at Prince Philip's funeral at St George's Chapel, Windsor. In her bag she has one of her husband's crisp white handkerchiefs.



**COVID, MEGXIT, PHILIP, ANDREW**

**LEST WE FORGET**  
... using a walking stick at a service for the centenary of the Royal British Legion, Westminster Abbey, Oct 2021

**‘Because of Covid, Philip had the send-off he really wanted, small with no fuss... a beautiful service’**

# LOCKDOWN AND LOSS

**ALL ALONE** ... socially distanced and masked, the Queen at Philip's funeral at Windsor. In her handbag she carries one of his silk handkerchiefs and a photo of them together while living in Malta, 1949-51

rushed to Heathrow Airport straight after the service to return to Canada, where Harry joined her and Archie a few days later. Later that month, the family moved to Meghan's home city of Los Angeles, just as most of the world went into lockdown.

By the time the Queen made her special address to the nation about the pandemic from Windsor on April 5, nearly 5,000 people in the UK had died from Covid.

An astonishing 24million viewers tuned in as the monarch thanked people for following government rules to stay at home and praised those "coming together to help others".

She also acknowledged key workers, saying: "Every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more normal times."

**E**CHOING Vera Lynn's wartime anthem **We'll Meet Again**, she said: "We should take comfort that while we may have still more to endure, better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again."

In July, Windsor was the scene of another moment of pandemic history when the Queen knighted 100-year-old Captain Tom Moore, who had raised almost £39million for NHS workers' charities. Windsor also provided solace to the monarch during the crisis – time for horse-riding and to be with her beloved animals.

Prince Philip had spent most of his time at the Sandringham estate after retiring from public duties in August 2017, aged 96. But by November 2020, the Duke had moved back to

Windsor to spend lockdown with the Queen and the "bubble" of staff who looked after her. That month, the Queen, 94, and the 99-year-old Duke spent what was to be their last wedding anniversary together.

The third lockdown meant their traditional Sandringham Christmas break was cancelled. And in her annual broadcast, the Queen told others whose Christmas plans had been cancelled: "You are not alone."

So it was at Windsor that the Queen saw in one of the toughest years of her life.

Royal expert Duncan Lacombe said: "The Queen called 1992 her annus horribilis, but if you had to pick the year that was the lowest and darkest, it would be 2021."

"The death of Prince Philip, an almighty row between her two grandsons and problems for Prince Andrew, who was the subject of the most serious allegation ever put towards a member of the Royal Family – rape and sexual assault."

In mid-February 2021, as plans were being finalised for celebrations to mark Prince Philip's 100th birthday in June, the Duke went into hospital in

London. During his month's stay, he underwent a heart procedure and received treatment for an infection.

As Philip lay in his sickbed in early March, Harry and Meghan's shocking interview with Oprah Winfrey aired on TV around the world. In it, the pair accused the Royal Family of

bullying and racism – although they did make it clear neither the Queen nor Prince Philip was responsible for alleged remarks about their son Archie's skin colour.

In response to the interview, the Queen issued another of her famously succinct summings-up: "Recollections may vary."

Only a month after the Oprah interview, Prince Philip was dead. He passed away at Windsor on April 9, eight weeks short of his 100th birthday.

Ingrid Seward said: "Prince Philip was very frail by the end and his condition deteriorated rapidly in the last ten days, so I think it was a relief for the Queen that he didn't hang on."

"In many ways because of Covid, the Queen felt that Philip had the send-off he really wanted, small with no fuss. It was a beautiful service but no one will forget the pictures from inside St George's Chapel of the Queen all alone as she mourned the love of her life."

In autumn 2021, she was seen for the first time using a walking stick. In October, doctors ordered her to rest, forcing her to miss a Northern Ireland trip and the COP26 eco summit in Glasgow.

She was due to make her first public appearance again at the Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in November, but missed it after spraining her back.

It was only her seventh absence – four when she was abroad and twice when pregnant. But she continued some of her duties, such as meetings with

ambassadors and dignitaries, via video conferencing, which she mastered during Covid. As she became more infirm, we saw less of Her Majesty in public.

Throughout the spring, she rarely ventured from Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

In May, she appeared in a golf buggy at Chelsea Flower Show.

It gave hope that she would be well enough for the Platinum Jubilee, but on doctors' orders the Queen missed her two favourite highlights of the event, Trooping the Colour and the Derby. But she did appear in front of thousands of her adoring subjects on the Palace balcony for the official fly-past and again at the finale of the four-day celebration to mark her 70 years on the throne.

During the Jubilee, she briefly met Harry and Meghan, who fled home to California before the celebrations had even ended.

But remarkably, after a short rest, the Queen was back among her people as she joined her daughter Princess Anne in a surprise visit to open the new hospice in Maidenhead, Berks.

The Queen also made her first public inquest for two years where she awarded the George Cross to the National Health Service and was even back riding her horse in the grounds at Windsor. As she headed to Scotland for her summer break at Balmoral, the Queen was still able to board the royal helicopter.

But when Harry and Meghan returned to the UK in September they still did not plan to make the journey to Scotland to see the Queen, who had invited them there.

And as the Conservative leadership contest ended with victory for Liz Truss, the Queen stood with the aid of her stick to say farewell to Boris Johnson and meet her 15th Prime Minister.

On Thursday morning, as her close family flew to Balmoral, the remarkable life of Queen Elizabeth II ebbed away.



**REINS SUPREME** ... with shire horses at Windsor in a portrait to mark her 96th birthday in April this year

**JUN 2**

Platinum Jubilee plans are announced, including a four-day long weekend and a concert in June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

**JUN 6**

Harry and Meghan name their baby daughter Lilibet Diana Mountbatten-Windsor. It is unclear whether they asked permission to use Lilibet, the Queen's family pet name.

**OCT 20**

The Queen cancels a trip to N Ireland and spends a night in hospital for tests. Told to rest by doctors, she completes engagements virtually.

**NOV 14**

The Queen misses Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph after spraining her back. It is only the 7th time she has not been at the event.

**SEP 6, 2022**

Meeting at Balmoral due to her health concerns, she greets outgoing PM Boris Johnson before inviting Liz Truss to form a government as her 15th Prime Minister.





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QUEEN  
ELIZABETH II  
1926-2022

ONE'S No1 ... the Queen beams with delight from the balcony of Buckingham Palace as she greets crowds celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in June this year  
Picture: ARTHUR EDWARDS

**‘My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service’**

Broadcast to the Commonwealth from Cape Town, South Africa, on her 21st birthday, April 21, 1947